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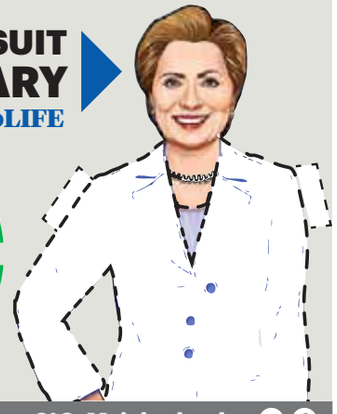

Expedite jailing process: Police

JUSTICE

Crown Prosecutor seeking ways to improve policies

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's top cop said he is ready to make positive changes in the city to make sure dangerous criminals are put behind bars in a timely fashion.

At the Nov. 24 Calgary police commission meeting, Chief Roger Chaffin expanded on some of the changes he plans on pursuing with the help of the justice minister, including expediting the time it takes to place criminals behind bars.

"We are currently looking at strategic opportunities which include dialoguing with the justice minister for a dedicated special prosecutor and increased court availability in an attempt to reduce the amount of time between when an offender is charged and goes to trial," said Chaffin.

Eric Tolppanen, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service, said in a statement to Metro that the Alberta Crown prosecution service regularly consults with CPS on things from individual cases to matters of policy and general practice.

"The Alberta Crown Prosecution Service is constantly looking for ways to improve existing consultation with police, and the Calgary Crown's office will be discussing this topic with the Calgary chief of police as part of their meetings on operational matters," said Tolpannen.

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Raised in Jordanian shelters, young refugees hope to resettle in Canada with their families. **Canada**

IN BRIEF

Calgary police return Iraq war medal to Irish veteran

The Calgary police service have assisted in returning a war medal to its rightful owner.

In late October, CPS was contacted from Northern Ireland by Allan Marshall. He told CPS about his missing war medal that was being sold online by a Calgary business.

Arctic Medals had purchased the piece in good faith several years ago through an auction. The company had no knowledge that the medals were missing.

When officers notified the company's owner, Arctic Medals provided the Iraq Campaign Service Medal to be returned to the owner. METRO

Design for 12 Street SE bridge chosen for city

The City of Calgary unveiled its chosen design for the 12 Street SE Bridge to folks in Inglewood on Wednesday Night.

Although a more traditional truss bridge had been considered, planners decided on a modern arch to accommodate a bend at one end.

Construction will take about two years, and traffic will continue on the current bridge until the new one is complete.

The city wants people's input on how to commemorate the old bridge. Submit ideas at www.calgary.ca/engage until Dec. 31. METRO

Man arrested after posting ad on Kijiji

CAR PROWLING

Victims found stolen items for sale online the next day

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Emily Holloway and Tyler Rop were reunited with all their stolen property. COURTESY EMILY HOLLOWAY

After a full day at school, Emily Holloway and her fiancé, Tyler Rop, headed to Chinook Centre Monday for some last-minute shopping deals, but, instead were robbed of some of their most prized possessions.

Holloway said after returning to their vehicle parked on the west side of the mall, they noticed a window had been smashed, their glove box was open and it smelled of smoke.

She said at first they didn't see anything missing, but then quickly realized their backpacks were in the trunk.

"Sure enough our backpacks had been taken," said Holloway. "In our backpacks we had two laptops, a camera, external hard drive, headphones and a bunch of stuff which we figured totalled over $2,000."

Holloway said the camera contained more than 3,000 pictures she'd snapped on a trip to Cambodia this summer, and between that and her computer, some of her most prized memories and important final projects for school were now gone.

"We thought everything was gone forever," she said. "We were devastated."

After reporting the crime to Chinook Centre police, the couple returned home.

The next morning, while surfing the web, Rop came across a very familiar looking ad on Kijiji.

"It just said one Dell, one HP and a Nexus tablet for $300 and it had been posted that morning," said Holloway. "The seller just gave a postal code and a phone number, but it seemed really suspicious, so my fiancé called the police about it."

District 1 Insp. Cliff O'Brien said his team, who is cross-trained in surveillance, undercover work and uniform patrol, went down to the location in attempt to find the stolen goods.

"Ultimately the offender sold us the stolen items, which led to his arrest," said O'Brien.

Jeffery Hamilton, 33, of Calgary has since been charged with possession of stolen property and trafficking stolen property.

O'Brien said thanks to Holloway and Rop's tip they were able to find Hamilton, who was also wanted for 13 other outstanding warrants.

"They did exactly what we would want someone to do if we see something on Kijiji or another site — phone the police," he said. "We have police officers who are trained to do these types of buys, so if you're selling stolen items you might be selling them to an undercover officer."

WORKERS COMPENSATION

Board guidelines will reflect Bill 6

Darren Krause
Metro | Calgary

Alberta's Workers Compensation Board (WCB) will be making changes to their online 2016 coverage guidelines after the NDP government said it would clarify the intent of Bill 6 on farm safety.

Fallout from the much-maligned legislation continued Wednesday, as more than 250 farmers and ranchers rallied in Okotoks during a government consultation on the farm safety legislation introduced last month.

Bill 6 has drawn the ire of farmers across Alberta, primarily because operators of many family farms have said it will cost them extra for family members and neighbours who pitch in to help.

The bill is second reading, and government amendments to clarify earlier miscommunications, have yet to be introduced.

On Wednesday, the WCB website stated, "If proposed legislation passes, all farming and ranching operations in Alberta will require coverage," it reads.

When asked about the WCB site, Minister of Job, Skills, Training and Labour, Lori Sigurdson, referred to the government's messaging on the file.

"There have been miscommunications on Bill 6, including from official sources, because government was not clear about our intention and we are clarifying that now with amendments," an emailed statement from Sigurdson's press secretary stated.

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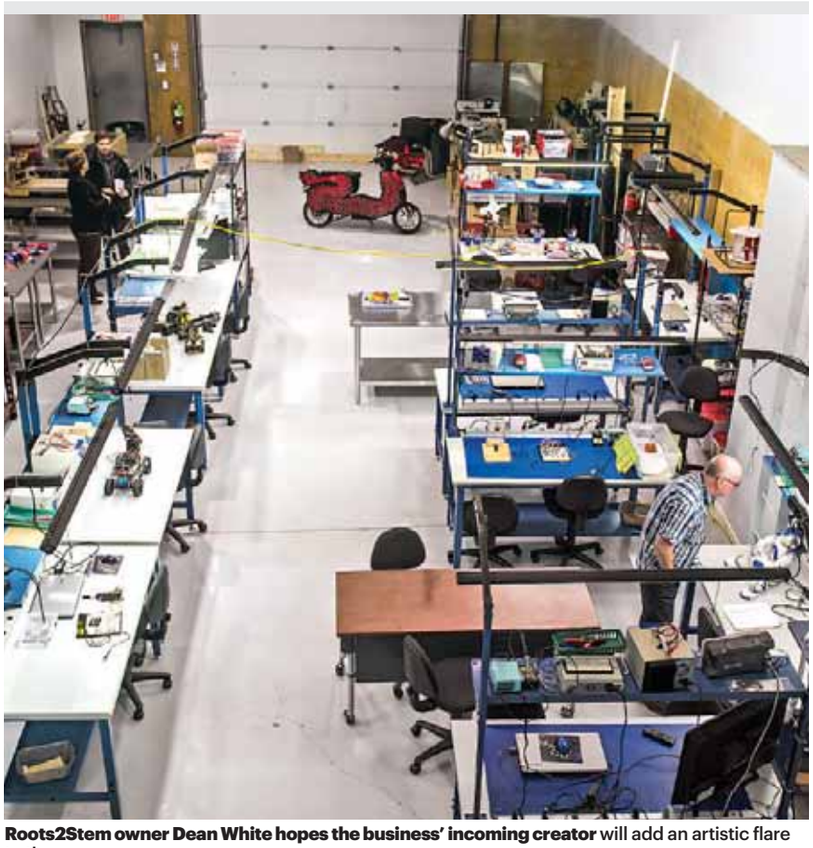
Businesses open up space to artists



Roots2Stem owner Dean White hopes the business' incoming creator will add an artistic flare to the space. JENNIFER FRIESEN / FOR METRO

ECONOMY

Offices freed up to creativity in all its forms

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

It's kind of like dating, and the Calgary Arts Development Authority (CADA) hopes a few "marriages" are made.

Since launching Artists in the Workplace, CADA has seen six business sign up to open their doors to artists looking for space.

It's a proactive response to Calgary's staggering economy, as businesses look to fill empty office spaces with creative individuals of all sorts, according to Joni Carroll, the arts spaces consultant with CADA.

The first company to sign up is Roots2Stem, an organization known for teaching high-tech craftsmanship to budding engineers or those simply looking to learn something new.

Roots2Stem owner Dean White said he's inviting artists because he wants to bridge both art and engineering.

"We want all the science and the technology, but we want the art, too." White said. "We want our students to understand that we're a community coming together."

Carroll said she was thrilled when she learned Roots2Stem wanted to sign up.

"When people usually think of an artists' space, they think of a painter's studio," she said. "That's still part of this program, but we there's way more variety out there."

Roots2Stem will offer 3D printers, among other high-tech gadgets that artists can use.

But not all of CADA's business applicants are loaded with gizmos, Carroll said. In fact, some are cubicles, offering artists a space for paperwork.

York Realty is another business offering its space. The company has two industrial spaces for artists available in the northeast and southeast quadrants of the city.

"It's a great way to use the few spaces we have," said Erik Dobrovolsky, senior asset manager with York Realty.

Carroll said artists pitch ideas to the business and then both parties come to an agreement, which includes things like rent.

White said he's looking for someone with great ideas who can inspire students.

"Adding something more creative to our environment is certainly more advantageous," he said.

Dobrovolsky said the company is open to all artists who need a large space, as long as they respect it.

Carroll said she's pleased with the number of businesses that have already signed up, though she wouldn't mind adding more to the mix.

"Calgary's arts scene is more diverse than people think," she said. "I think this is a big opportunity for business and artists, given the current state of the economy."

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Const. Garry Woods has been helping pack and distribute these shoebox gifts for more than two years. JENNIFER FRIESEN / FOR METRO

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Special boxing day for police elves

Lucie Edwardson
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Const. Garry Woods describes the look on the face of a child opening an Operation Christmas Child as "genuine happiness."

He would know, he's seen it firsthand.

Woods, who has hand-delivered thousands of shoeboxes on Samaritan Purse mission trips, and more than three dozen other Calgary Police Service members spent Wednesday afternoon packing shoeboxes so kids could open a box full of new things at Christmas.

"There are so many things going on in the world right now that could make you lose your faith in humanity," said Woods. "But, there is an awful lot of goodness out there, too, and it's operations like this where it's really manifested."

Frank King, communications manager for Samaritan's Purse, said the manpower offered by CPS and volunteers really helps them out.

"We do approximately 350,000 shoebox inspections. It would take us a year to do that on our own, but thanks to the amazing volunteers we get it done in three weeks," he said.

For more information on how to pack a box, where to drop them off, and more visit: http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/operation-christmas-child.aspx

IN BRIEF

Three injured in propane explosion in southeast

Police and fire crews responded to the scene of a small explosion in the city's southeast Wednesday.

According to police, a propane tank exploded inside Hennessey Welding Ltd. at 11500 — 114 Ave SE.

Det. Andy Nguyen said no one was seriously injured during the explosion: "There are three people with facial burns, EMS is now out and injuries none are life threatening," he said.

METRO STAFF

54-year-old worker dies after falling from roof

A worker died after falling from the roof of a southeast Calgary business Wednesday.

Just after 10:30 a.m., EMS responded to a business on the 5700 block of 84 Street SE.

They found a 54-year old man who had fallen about three or four metres from the roof, landing on the gravel ground.

OHS has issued a stop-work order at the site.

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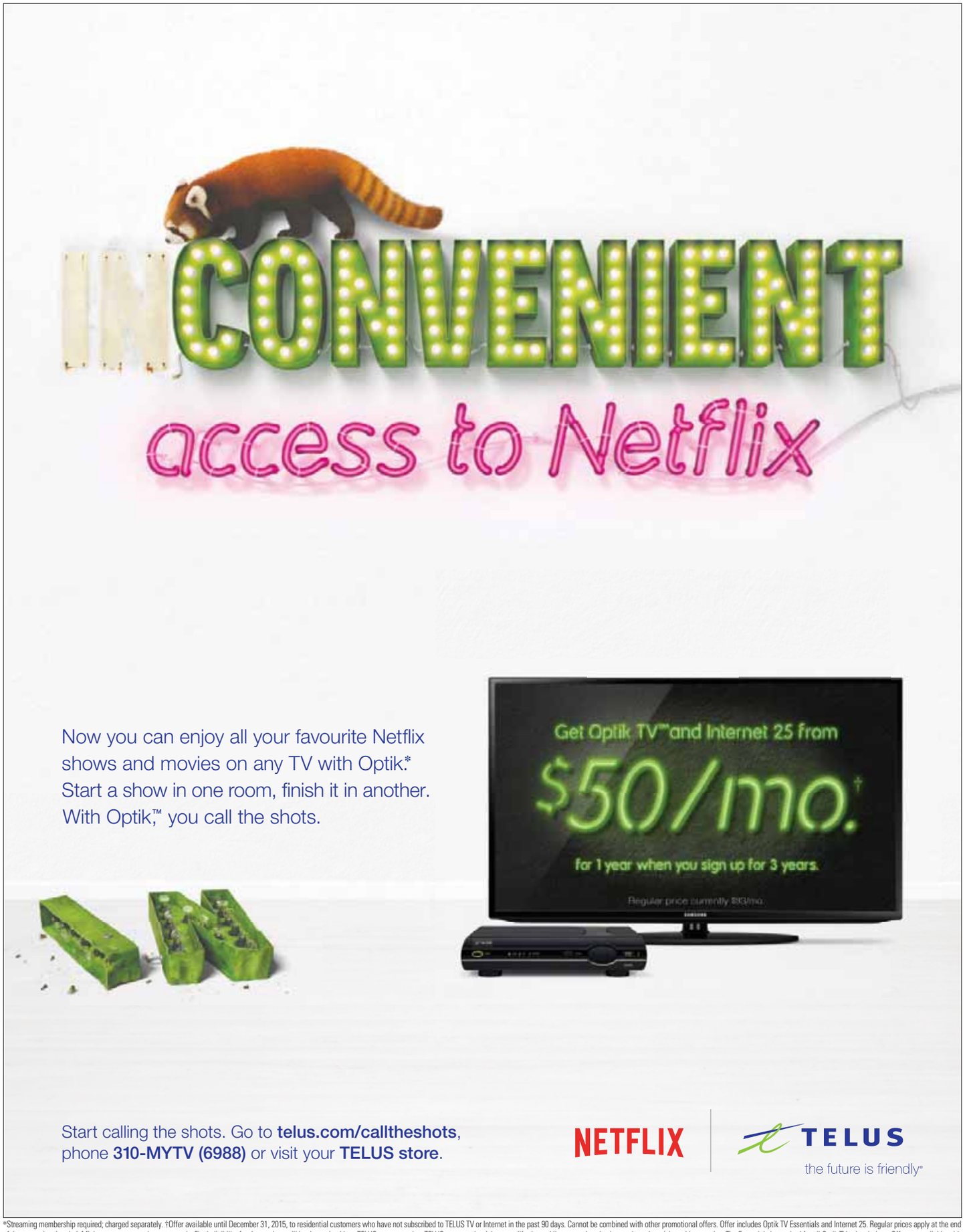
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EDUCATION

Board tables debate on reserve funds

The Calgary Board of Education board of trustees this week tabled a debate on how to use reserve funds in order to get an overdue audited financials report and fall budget update to the Alberta government.

Supt. Brad Grundy said the reserve funds, which will now be debated at a later time, may allow them to fund new school commissioning, Wi-Fi enhancements and additional costs of the transportation service provision.

Grundy said the fall budget update does have the CBE looking at a small deficit in the operating budget, which was contemplated at the spring budget as well.

Board chair Joy Bowen-Eyre said the highlight of the budget update, which was submitted to the government, was a $1.5-million investment in graduation coaches for First Nations students.

"We know that our completion rates for our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students is not very good and we're looking to improve that," said Bowen-Eyre. "So, this initiative is one way we're hoping to address completion rates. Each high school is getting one, and part of the role is to help transition students from junior high and middle school into high school, and support them throughout."

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COURT

Scud Stud went 'rogue': Columnist

A veteran newspaper columnist who wrote a number of articles on "Scud Stud" Arthur Kent during the 2008 Alberta election says it was unusual for a candidate to go "rogue" and criticize both his party and leader.

Don Braid, a columnist for the Calgary Herald, was a witness at Kent's defamation case against Postmedia and columnist Don Martin, over an article written while Kent was running for a seat in the legislature.

Kent, who is a former journalist and became known as the Scud Stud for his live reports during the Gulf War, took exception to the article that labelled him a "dud" and portrayed him as an ego-driven star candidate at war with Progressive Conservative party officials.

Braid says he interviewed Kent prior to the Martin article and the candidate was critical of then-premier Ed Stelmach and the party.

> **I did ask Mr. Kent once — and I think more than once — if he really wanted me to use this stuff because it was high-octane, controversial material.**
>
> Don Braid, Calgary Herald

He says he asked Kent if he was sure he wanted to go "on the record" because when candidates speak out, there are usually repercussions.

Braid says he had no involvement in the Martin column.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mayor Naheed Nenshi sits on the board of directors of Attainable Homes Calgary Corporation. He says getting working Calgarians into their own homes doesn't just benefit them, but also reduces strain on the rental market. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

24 affordable homes in reach

HOUSING

Partnership to enable people to purchase a property

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

While it might sound like a cliché from a realtor, 24 properties in southeast Calgary are suddenly a lot more affordable.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi was on hand to announce a partnership between Attainable Homes and Hopewell Residential on Wednesday.

The 24 properties in the southeast communities of Mahogany and Copperfield will be available to homebuyers using the Attainable Homes system.

Jeff Rust, vice-president of multi-family for Hopewell, said the company believes hard-working Calgarians should have the opportunity to own a home.

"We're looking at this as the beginning of a long and productive relationship between our organizations," said Rust.

Attainable Homes is a non-profit corporation owned by the city that helps working-class Calgarians purchase a home. Those who want to use the system must qualify for a mortgage but make less than $80,000, or $90,000 if they have children.

"Our housing challenge in the city is one of constricted supply throughout the system," said the mayor.

He said as people move out of rentals and into their first homes, they will free up rental properties for others who are getting their first apartment, or perhaps moving out of government housing into private rentals.

"We need to actually release the pressure at every point in the system, and the work of attainable homes is extremely important throughout the pipeline."

Nenshi noted that for the $2 million in seed money the city put into Attainable Homes, it has now helped over 700 people purchase a property.

The 24 properties in the southeast are not yet complete. In Copperfield, 14 townhomes will be available in the new year through the program.

In Mahogany, the Sandgate project is a 306-home condo. Ten of the units will be sold through Attainable Housing.

RESOURCES

Housing key for refugees: Minister

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Housing, housing and housing.

That's what refugees in Calgary will need, said John McCallum, federal minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship, in a visit to Calgary early Wednesday. He said it's not only important to welcome refugees with a smile, but a roof over their head.

Two Calgary companies said they'll be helping out by offering units to refugee families at no cost or discounted rates.

Main Street Equity said they will provide 200 units in Calgary for 90 days at a discounted rate, and Boardwalk Rental will offer 350 units to refugees at a $150 discount. Main Street Equity also announced a hotline with Arabic-speaking members.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Calgary has a five per cent vacancy rate in the city, meaning there's room for the families expected to arrive.

"Let's remember that Calgary regularly welcomes 1,000 refugees a year. We have extraordinary resources in the community: volunteers, community agencies, non-profits," said Nenshi, adding he is very satisfied with the work of the government in terms of screening and security.

"We know how to do this better, pretty much, that anyone else in the world. I'm very satisfied with what I've heard today, that we have the right procedures in place."

He also said resources will be dedicated to helping refugees enter the workforce and learn English.

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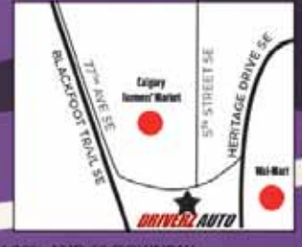

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LABOUR

Education Minister moves Bill 8 forward

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Education Minister David Eggen said he's consulting with Alberta school boards this week to talk about Bill 8, but will still be moving forward with the bill despite requests from several school boards, including the CBE, to delay it in the legislature.

Bill 8 would introduce a two-table bargaining system with teachers, where the province would handle big items like salary and local boards would negotiate local issues. The current system sees all negotiations taking place locally.

On Tuesday, the CBE voted to support a letter from Golden Hills School Division, which stated that school boards weren't given enough time to give feedback on the legislation as they did not see it before Nov. 25.

However, in a document provided in Metro by the minister's office, it's outlined that the CBE and all 60 other school boards in the province were consulted on two-table bargaining in September and early October.

"Certainly in October, we were consulted on how bargaining could look, but not on any proposed legislation," said Amber Stewart, CBE Trustee Wards 12 and 14. "At this point in time, there is no ability for boards to have input into legislation that is currently before that house."

Press Secretary for the Minister of Education Jeremy Nolais said school boards weren't shown the bill as it hadn't been drafted — their consultations lead to the creation of the bill. Minister Eggen's intention is to move forward with the bill, but school boards will be consulted on regulations going forward.

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Roxanne Berube, right, and her teenage daughter Jazmine Miller, were two of three killed in Edson. FACEBOOK

Edson reels after killings

TRIPLE HOMICIDE

Residents can't believe local 19-year-old is responsible

People who know the young man accused of killing three people in a rural area west of Edmonton say they can't believe he would be capable of committing such crimes.

RCMP shot Mickell Clayton Bailey, 19, Tuesday during his arrest. He is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of second-degree murder.

Investigators say a Mountie hit Bailey with a single shot as he walked out of a house carrying a firearm. Bailey remains in hospital in serious condition following surgery. Bailey's uncle was once married to Roxanne Berube, one of the victims.

Linda Osipow said she has known Bailey since he was a baby. He helped her with her fruit business last summer by hauling produce and setting up tables at her roadside stand.

She said he was never aggressive or violent and was always pleasant to deal with.

"I still can't believe that Michael did it. I don't know what evidence the police have that would point them in that direction, because he is the last person that I could even imagine doing anything like this."

Mounties found the bodies of Berube, 36, another female and Daniel Miller on Sunday in the home they shared near Peers, a hamlet just outside of Edson.

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"Unfathomable. I can't wrap my head around it."
Linda Osipow

EXHIBIT

Calgary Zoo wants a lemur's-eye view

The Calgary Zoo's ask for city cash to help fund an interactive lemur exhibit was given a nod and referred to council in a Wednesday committee meeting.

The zoo is asking for the City of Calgary to chip in $2.7 million dollars for a project, the Land of Lemurs, that will ring in at nearly $8 million. The proposed exhibit is expected to be complete in 2017 and bring in 40,000 more visitors with a revenue boost of $2.6 million in the first year.

It's been pitched as an interactive experience, somewhat like the ENMAX Conservatory's Butterfly Garden, where zoo-goers would be placed inside the animal kingdom and even have the chance to interact with the lemurs.

"Looking at this one it's an interesting approach," said Coun. Brian Pincott. "It's almost like the humans are in captivity."

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BROKEN BONDS | PART III

Former inmate and prisoner advocate Mo Korchinski. The idea of mothering a child while in jail "forced you to look deep ... and that started the healing process," she says. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

For incarcerated women, motherhood can be life-changing. One jail in B.C. was helping inmates make the most of that opportunity. Now, the fight is on to ensure that it still can.

'Everybody needs hope'

Sidney Cohen
For Metro

"If you consent to this call being recorded, and if you accept this call as a collect call, dial one now."

It's June 10, and the automated message indicates Melody Hutchinson is calling collect from a payphone inside Alouette Correctional Centre for Women.

Hutchinson is 25 and indigenous, from Trail, B.C. She is pregnant and due to give birth about two weeks before her release at the end of July.

Hutchinson is trying, desperately, to access Alouette's mother-baby program, which allows women who give birth while incarcerated to live with their children inside jail.

"They're not even giving me a chance. My son's not even born yet. People make mistakes, but people change," Hutchinson says.

The program ran from 2005-2008 before being shut down. Inmates then challenged the closure in court, on constitutional grounds. In 2013, a B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled that cancelling the program violated the charter rights of mothers and babies to be together.

Following a $163,000 renovation, B.C.'s Ministry of Justice announced the reopening of Alouette's mother-baby unit in June 2014. But since then not one inmate has been allowed to participate.

Hutchinson says she has been in and out of jail since she was a teenager and had a "crazy childhood." Her father was a musician who travelled a lot when she was young, she says, and her mother was an addict. She spent time in foster care and youth corrections. She tried crack for the first time at age 13.

Hutchinson has two other young children who live together with adoptive parents in Coquitlam. When she found out she was pregnant for a third time last fall, Hutchinson says, "I just wanted to change my life. I was freaked out and I didn't want to lose my son."

> **It doesn't take rocket science to keep a baby with a mother. It takes motivation at the top levels.**
> Dr. Ruth Elwood Martin, UBC Centre for Prison Health and Education

In February, Hutchinson says, she relapsed after several months off drugs.

Her brother was about to go to jail for a long time on weapons charges, and they partied on and off for three weeks. She was arrested in March for theft breaching her bail.

"All I want them to see is that I'm trying," Hutchison says. "To have someone from the ministry be like, 'You know what, we're here to help you, OK? And if you can commit to this goal, than we will help you succeed.'"

Time's up and the call is cut.

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Hutchinson served four months at Alouette. She gave birth on July 5, but her baby boy was not admitted to Alder, Alouette's mother-baby unit. Instead, he was put into foster care.

Decisions about who can participate in the program are made by B.C. Corrections on a case-by-case basis. The branch looks at "each woman's risk assessment, history of offences or any court orders prohibiting contact with children," said a B.C. Ministry of Justice spokesperson in an email sent June 3.

If there's a suggestion the child may be at risk, the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) will get involved.

"If a woman has applied to the Mother-Child Program and MCFD has child protection concerns, BC Corrections waits for MCFD's independent decision to be made before finalizing the application," wrote another justice ministry spokesperson.

While she was pregnant at Alouette, Hutchison took life-skills classes, she signed up for outpatient drug treatment, and she got letters of support from her lawyer and her father.

But MCFD was skeptical.

"They're basically saying there's not enough supervision, that I'm high-risk for my kid," she said during the June 10 phone conversation. "I'm just so freaked out."

Dr. Ruth Elwood Martin is director of the University of British Columbia's Collaborating Centre for Prison Health and Education and was a physician at Alouette during the mother-baby program's first iteration. She says that, in order for the program to work, all the ministries need to be on board.

"What needs to happen is political will to have the different ministries — Health, Children and Family Development, Justice — to actually collaborate over finding a way to keep the babies with their mothers while the mothers are incarcerated."

Brenda Tole, a former Alouette warden who oversaw the creation and operation of the mother-baby program, agrees.

"You have to have the initiative to work with all of those ministries and community agencies to bring back all that support, and I'm not sure ... if the will is there to do that. What's happening right now is they're just saying that the Ministry of Children and Families is not supportive, it's not in the plan. Well, really, their only other plan is foster care and that's a terrible outcome," she says.

"I almost wish that a lot of the people who have control over this could have a direct conversation with someone that's lost their baby."

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Advocates say that Alouette, though not ideal, is a practical place in which to introduce a woman to motherhood and to teach approaches to parenting.

The jail's premises are surveilled 24 hours a day, there is a drug-and-alcohol counsellor and parenting classes, and the health care centre is attached to the mother-baby unit.

Mo Korchinski, a prisoner advocate and former Alouette inmate, says that a lot of women entering jail have lost hope. They are living on the streets, killing themselves slowly with drugs and alcohol.

Like many addicted women who wind up in jail, Korchinski lost her kids when she became an addict. "(The mother-baby program) forced you to look deep," she says. "And those feelings of a mother — you couldn't deny them anymore 'cause it was right in your face, and that started the healing process."

A recent Statistics Canada report found that 94 per cent of women in provincial jails struggle with substance abuse.

"Where is it going to change?" Korchinski asks, and then emphatically answers her own question: "It changes with the mother-baby program, because these women now have hope. ... Everybody needs hope and everybody needs a purpose in life."

This summer UBC's prison-health centre published a set of guidelines and best practices for prison mother-baby programs. Advocates hope the guidelines will help meaningfully reactivate the Alouette's program, which, despite the province's assurances that it is available, has not hosted any of the three mothers, including Melody Hutchinson, who have given birth at Alouette since the program's 2014 reopening.

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Today Hutchinson is working full-time and living in Terrace B.C., near her father. She's struggling to recover her son from the foster family he was placed with while she was in jail.

"Her son's here in Maple Ridge and they won't transfer him up," says Korchinski, who's trying to help Hutchinson get custody of her baby. "She has to take a 28-hour Greyhound bus ride down here to see him, and she gets a two-hour visit a day, and she has to take a week off at work."

Korchinski says Hutchinson's going to keep fighting to get her son back, but it's harder now that he's growing attached to his foster family.

Each time Hutchinson visits her son, Korchinski says, she will "go through that all over again."

"I was with her when she went and visited him. I was in tears for her."

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Children of war on their way

SYRIAN REFUGEES

Families await flights to Canada in Irbid, Jordan

Here are the children of war. Some were born in exile in Jordan, while others watched their homes in Syria being destroyed and then had to flee the conflict with anxious parents and frightened siblings.

Now their young lives are about to undergo another profound transformation.

If all goes well, these children — and their families — will be resettled in Canada, once Canadian officials in Amman complete medical and security screening and issue them immigration documents.

The children, from five different families from towns in southern Syria, have been living in Irbid, in northern Jordan, and were photographed by Canadian Press journalist Paul Chiasson.

Some are coming to Canada under the private sponsorship program, while others are in the government-sponsored stream.

The refugees know how fortunate they are. As Canada's massive humanitarian mission gets underway, other Syrians are calling the International Organization of Migration, begging to be among the 25,000 Syrians Canada has promised to bring here by the end of February.

"Syrians are reading about the Canadian mission in the press and they are very media savvy. Word gets out fast. We have to tell them to take their case to the UN," said Craig Murphy, with the IOM in Jordan.

On Sunday the IOM opened a processing centre on behalf of Canada in a military hangar in Marka, north of Amman. Officials have begun interviewing hundreds of Syrians a day.

The first plane of Syrian refugees is expected to be in the air by mid-December, said Murphy.

Refugees from both Jordan and Lebanon will fly through Amman, boarding Royal Jordanian charter flights in groups of 300 or 350 bound for Toronto or Montreal.

"As soon as we have a threshold of 300 people who are travel-ready we will have our first charter flight," said Murphy. "I expect a very quick turnaround time.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is in charge of referring the cases to the IOM, for a second set of interviews. The UN is focusing on families, single women and the most vulnerable, following Ottawa's direction.

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1 Tammim, 6 — His family came to Jordan in 2013, after heavy shelling in their village. **2 Abedr, 2** — She is the youngest of four. Her father lost both his businesses in Syria to violence and shelling. **3 Braa, 3,** — Her family was originally hoping to go to the U.S. but now favour Canada because they feel it will be more welcoming towards Muslims. **4 Mohammad** — He is baby brother of Tammim and was born in Jordan. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

1,015

The number of permanent resident visas issued, but refugees have yet to arrive.

41,050

The number of text messages sent to potential refugee applicants interested in coming to Canada.

9,090

The number of refugee resettlement applications currently being processed.

271

The total number of Syrian refugees who have arrived in Canada.

IMMIGRATION

Canada may have 50K refugees by end of 2016

The federal government has already issued 1,015 permanent resident visas to Syrian refugees destined for a new life in Canada. Meanwhile, the federal government Tuesday signalled Canada could welcome as many as 50,000 refugees by the end of 2016.

"The number of refugees is likely to be in the order of 35,000 to 50,000," Immigration Minister John McCallum said Wednesday after consulting with several provinces and territories over the numbers they will be able to take. "That's not yet in the official plan, but based on the discussions we've been having, it's likely to be in that order."

> **The number of refugees is likely to be in the order of 35,000 to 50,000.**
> John McCallum

An estimated 271 Syrian refugees have been resettled in Canada since Nov. 4, with thousands more expected provided Ottawa finds sufficient airline capacity from Jordan and Turkey.

Those flights could begin as early as Dec. 10. Toronto's Pearson airport is preparing a rarely used terminal that will be dedicated to processing the refugees. The Canada Border Services Agency will oversee the processing of the refugees at the terminal.

It was the first of what is expected to be weekly briefings on the Liberal government's efforts to take in 25,000 Syrians by the amended deadline of the end of next February, and as many as twice that number by the end of 2016, it now appears.

McCallum said Tuesday that the federal government needs to do a better job of communicating both the challenges and successes of that campaign pledge, in order to keep Canadians informed and on board with their effort.

The United Nations attempted to contact a total of 41,050 refugees through text messages toward the end of November. Of that number, 28,560 refugees were successfully contacted, and 3,049 were interviewed by United Nations officials.

From that pool, a total of 1,801 refugees or refugee families were referred by the UN to Canadian officials for interviews. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PARLIAMENT

Immediate priorities the focus of throne speech

The Trudeau government's first throne speech is likely to be one of the shortest in Canadian history.

Insiders say the speech, to be read by Gov. Gen. David Johnston on Friday, will be little more than a list of the new Liberal government's immediate priorities, with minimal rhetorical flourishes and no surprises.

It won't mention every federal department.

It won't recap every single promise made by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during the federal election campaign.

Rather, it will be a brief recitation of the urgent promises Trudeau intends to move on over the coming year - those aimed at improving the lot of struggling middle-class Canadians foremost among them.

The brevity and tight focus of the speech is modelled on throne speeches in the mother of Parliaments in the United Kingdom, which typically run less than 1,000 words and takes the Queen less than 10 minutes to read.

The speech from the throne marks the start of a new session of Parliament, following the election Thursday of a new Speaker of the House of Commons.

But while Liberals are still basking in the afterglow of their upset victory on Oct. 19, their triumphant return to the government side of the aisle in the Commons has been dampened by news that one of their veteran MPs, Mauril Belanger, is facing a devastating health crisis.

Belanger, who had been in the running to become Speaker, was diagnosed late last week with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis — ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. He withdrew from the race on Monday.

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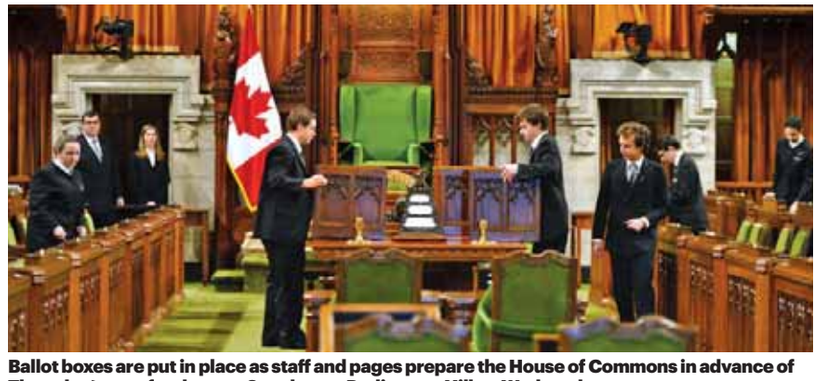

Ballot boxes are put in place as staff and pages prepare the House of Commons in advance of Thursday's vote for the new Speaker on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ISIL

U.S. expects NATO allies to step up: Kerry

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has delivered a tough, unambiguous message to NATO members, including Canada, saying the United States expects them to do more in the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

The blunt talk on Wednesday was particularly significant for Justin Trudeau's Liberal government, which has pledged to end the Canadian bombing campaign and refocus the military commitment on training local forces, including police.

Kerry told his 27 other counterparts meeting in Brussels that the international coalition must strike at the core of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq and strangle its efforts to set up networks elsewhere.

"I called on every NATO ally to step up its fight against Daesh," Kerry said, using the Arabic reference for the ISIL. "I was very gratified that a number of allies are already bringing more to this battle — or are planning to increase their contributions." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A police helicopter hovers over the Inland Regional Center. LOS ANGELES NEWS GROUP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How the day unfolded

• Lt. Rich Lawhead said Wednesday that a call came in just before 11 a.m. that multiple shots had been fired in the area of the Inland Regional Center. Executive Director Lavinia Johnson told CNN that somebody pulled the fire alarm, and shortly after, the building went into lockdown.

• FBI agents and other law enforcement authorities converged on the centre and searched room to room for the attackers, but they had apparently escaped.

Several people locked themselves in their offices, desperately waiting to be rescued by police. Some texted loved ones or telephoned them and whispered to them what was going on.

• As the manhunt went on, stores, office buildings and at least one school were locked down in the city of 214,000 people about 100 kilometres east of Los Angeles, and roads were blocked off.

• The Inland Regional Center provides services for more than 30,000 people in the region with developmental delays and their families, and employs 670 staff according to its Facebook page.

• Brandon Hunt, an employee at the Inland Regional Center, told CNN that there was a banquet for county personnel inside the building and that the shooting happened in the auditorium. There were about 500 IRC employees inside the building, Hunt said. "Employees were locked in offices, closets, just to try and stay safe," he said.

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A SWAT team arrives near the scene of a shooting in San Bernardino, Calif. As many as three gunmen opened fire at a social services facility. LOS ANGELES NEWS GROUP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

14 killed in California shooting

SAN BERNARDINO

Police say two suspects have been killed

A man and a woman connected to a mass shooting that left 14 people dead and 17 wounded in San Bernardino were killed in a firefight with police officers after a car chase Wednesday, authorities said.

The alleged assailants, who were not immediately identified, were chased through San Bernardino by a crush of city and federal law enforcement officers around 3 p.m. local time.

San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said the suspects fled from a home in Redlands as police arrived to search the residence. Officers pursued them back into San Bernardino, leading to a shootout that left both suspects dead and one officer wounded. The officer is expected to survive.

A federal law enforcement source said the suspects hurled pipe bombs and other improvised explosive devices at police during the vehicle pursuit.

A third person was detained in the area where the pursuit ended. That person's connection to the shooting was unknown.

The chase came just four hours after assailants opened fire at a holiday party at the Inland Regional Center, a social services office that aids people with developmental disabilities.

A senior federal official said investigators believe one of the shooters left the party after getting into an argument and returned with one or two armed companions. Local officials said it was not clear if the people involved in the dispute were the same people involved in the shooting.

The shooters carried long guns and wore masks when they opened fire on a gathering of San Bernardino County health department employees around 11 a.m., a county official said.

A black sport-utility vehicle was seen fleeing from the office complex where the shooting occurred. Shortly before 3 p.m., police began pursuing a black SUV in San Bernardino.

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MORE DETAILS

Late Wednesday, a law enforcement official who was briefed on the case identified one of the suspects as Syed Farook.

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We have a pattern now of mass shootings in this country that has no parallel anywhere else.
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ISIL killing gay men in Syria and Iraq

MIDDLE EAST

Videos have shown victims being dangled from buildings

Before a crowd of men on a street in the Syrian city of Palmyra, the masked Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) judge read out the sentence against two men convicted of homosexuality: They would be thrown to their deaths from the roof of the nearby Wael Hotel.

He asked one of the men if he was satisfied with the sentence. Death, the judge told him, would help cleanse him of his sin.

"I'd prefer it if you shoot me in the head," 32-year-old Hawas Mallah replied helplessly. The second man, 21-year-old Mohammed Salameh, pleaded for a chance to repent, promising never to have sex with a man again, according to a witness among the onlookers that sunny July morning.

"Take them and throw them off," the judge ordered. Masked men tied their hands up and blindfolded them. They led them to the roof of the four-story hotel, according to the witness, who spoke in Reyhanli, Turkey on condition he not be identified.

At least 36 men in Syria and Iraq have been killed by ISIL militants on charges of sodomy, according to the New York-based OutRight Action International.

A 26-year-old Syrian gay man told The Associated Press that even two years after fleeing to Turkey, he wakes up shaken by nightmares he is about to be hurled from a building. The man spoke on condition that he be identified as Daniel Halaby, the name he now uses in his activism tracking ISIL atrocities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daniel Halaby shows a photo of militants throwing a man off a roof. HUSSEIN MALLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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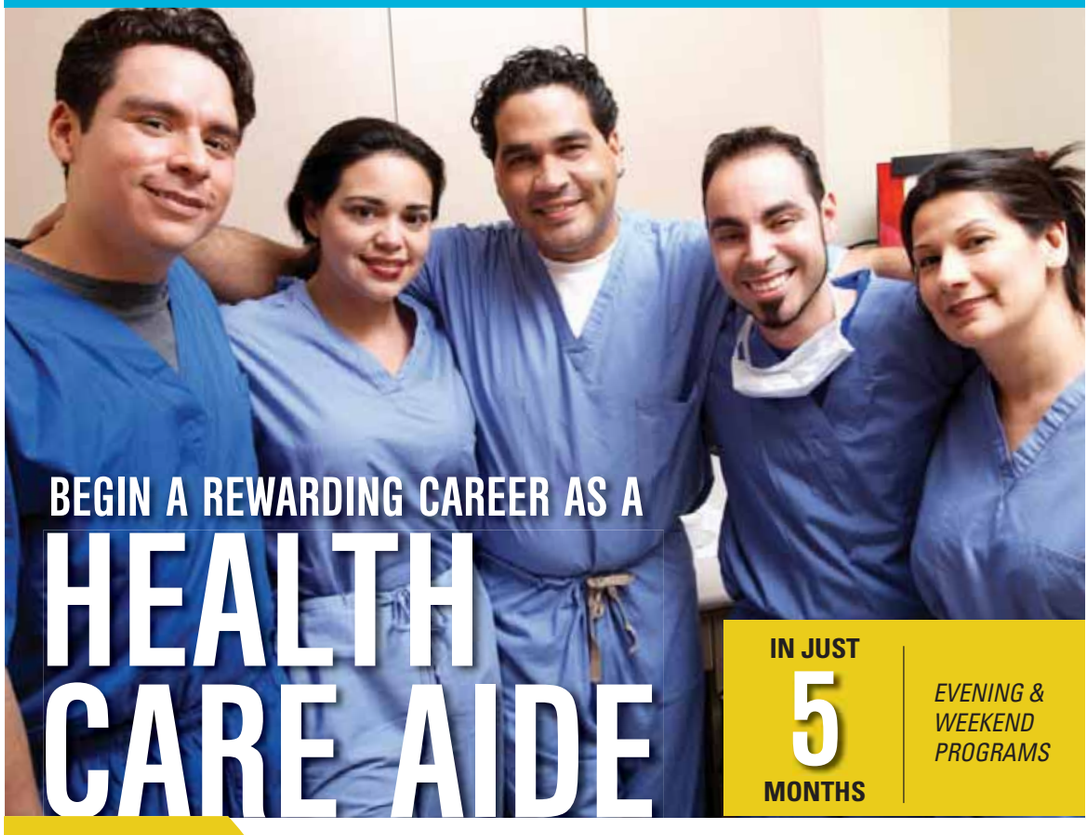

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SYRIA

Kurds' leading role complicates alliance

Drawing on thousands of combatants from Syria's mix of religious and ethnic groups, a U.S.-backed alliance called the Syrian Democratic Forces has emerged as the most effective fighting force against the ISIL group.

But the dominant role of Kurdish fighters in the alliance is a concern for majority Sunni Arab factions and their regional backers, raising questions about the group's future role in a broader political context in Syria.

The coalition already faces opposition from other groups fighting to topple President Bashar Assad because those groups widely distrust the Kurds.

And while the coalition has been capturing territory steadily in northern Syria from extremists, it is hampered greatly by its inability to retake areas with a majority Sunni Arab population.

In a devastated landscape where extremists and Islamic groups largely preside, the Syrian Democratic Forces are the closest thing to an inclusive and moderate fighting force in Syria. It represents the largest of the non-government fighting forces arrayed against ISIL in Syria, with some estimates putting the number of fighters affiliated with the group at nearly 40,000.

"The Syria Democratic Forces are the most organized in the Syrian chaos," said Kurdish activist Mustafa Bali, speaking from the Kurdish town of Kobani in northern Syria. He said the group has a united command, with new members joining the alliance on daily basis.

The group is led by the main Kurdish fighting force in Syria, the People's Protection Units, known as the YPG. It seeks to build on the success of the Euphrates Volcano, an alliance of Kurd and Arab factions that last year liberated Kobani from ISIL militants.

It includes Arab forces, a Christian militia which includes Assyrians, and Turkmen forces, as well as U.S.-backed rebels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **"The Syria Democratic Forces are the most organized in the Syrian chaos."**
> Mustafa Bali, Kurdish activist

IN BRIEF

U.K. votes to launch air strikes over Syria

British lawmakers voted by a wide margin Wednesday to join the international campaign of air strikes against ISIL in Syria, after Prime Minister David Cameron asserted that bombing the "medieval monsters" in their heartland would make Britain safer.

The 397-223 vote in the House of Commons means Royal Air Force fighter jets — already operating against ISIL in Iraq — could be flying over Syria immediately.

The decision came after an emotional 10 1/2-hour debate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chechnya holds classes to stave off ISIL recruitment

Authorities in Russia's predominantly Muslim republic of Chechnya have organized classes to stave off ISIL recruitment.

Thousands of Russian Muslims have joined ISIL and some have taken senior positions. Islamic militancy has engulfed Russia's North Caucasus following two separatist wars in Chechnya. Chechnya's leader, Ramzan Kadyrov, said last month that fewer than 500 Chechens are believed to have joined ISIL and that about 200 have been killed. He has offered to send thousands of fighters to fight ISIL. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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AUTOMOTIVE

Ford pickup trucks top most-stolen list

An insurance industry association says pickup trucks are the hottest vehicle for thieves.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada says the Ford F-350 and F-250 models take up nine spots on its top 10 list of most frequently stolen vehicles. The other vehicle is a Cadillac Escalade SUV.

Ford F-350 and F-250 models take up nine spots on a top 10 list of stolen vehicles. CONTRIBUTED

The insurance association says Canadian border guards are seeing shipping containers stocked with car and truck parts in an effort to fool inspectors. They say they have recovered more than $10 million in stolen vehicles at the ports this year.

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Fifth grade students work on programming during their weekly computer science lesson at Marshall Elementary School in Marysville, Wash. The school joined a growing movement across the U.S. to expose more public school children to computer science. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Computer science is now child's play

EDUCATION

Kindergarten kids learning programming in new push

Moving her finger over the laptop trackpad, six-year-old Lauren Meek drags and drops a block of code to build a set of instructions.

She clicks the "run" button and watches as the character moves through a maze. She then pumps her fist in excitement.

"Yes! This is so easy," says Meek, a kindergartner at Marshall Elementary in Marysville, north of Seattle.

This fall, most elementary school students in the Marysville School District are getting 40-minute weekly computer science lessons as part of their core instruction — part of a growing effort nationwide to expose more public school children to computer science, even as early as in kindergarten.

> **Yes! This is so easy.**
> Lauren Meek

Backed by technology leaders, nonprofits and companies, schools in New York, San Francisco and other cities have committed to offer computer science in all grade levels.

Currently, computer science is taught in only about one of four high schools nationwide with fewer in lower middle and elementary school grades.

And only 27 states allow a computer science course to be counted toward graduation requirements in math or science, according to Code.org, a Seattle-based national non-profit.

But there's been a surge in interest in recent years.

In 2015, nearly 49,000 students took the Advanced Placement exam in computer science, a 25 per cent increase from the previous year.

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IN BRIEF

Complaints regarding wireless services drop

Canadians had fewer official complaints about their wireless communication services but more concerns about their Internet plans, according to the latest report from the telecom industry's consumer watchdog. Internet complaints now account for 26.1 per cent of all telecom complaints, up by more than half since last year. Wireless complaints have dropped from more than 60 per cent of the total to 52.9 per cent.

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Bank of Canada keeps interest rate at 0.5%

The Bank of Canada left its interest rate unchanged at 0.5 per cent Wednesday at a time when the U.S. Federal Reserve is poised to hike its own benchmark for the first time in years. The United States, it said, continues to grow at a "solid pace," even though private domestic demand remains weaker than expected. Canada, meanwhile, continues to deal with the shock of already-low commodity prices, which have sunk even further and dragged down the loonie, it said.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE BETA-VERSION LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

“In his new role, Justin Trudeau is turning out to be a bit of an Energizer bunny. His batteries don’t seem to run out. Time will tell if his on/off switch functions as well, if at all.

It’s really a beta version of his government that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is introducing to the House of Commons this week.

More than half of his ministers are taking a seat in the Commons for the first time on Thursday and a good number of them cannot yet count on the backing of a full staff to see them through their parliamentary baptism of fire.

It has barely been a month since they have all been sworn in.

Jean Chrétien, who was first elected in late October 1993, did not reopen Parliament until almost three months later.

In 2006, Stephen Harper gave himself more than two months before his minority Conservative government entered the Commons.

In his new role, Trudeau is turning out to be a bit of an Energizer bunny. Like the rabbit in the iconic commercial, his batteries don’t seem to run out. Time will tell whether his on/off switch functions as well, if at all.

The prime minister is eager to bring in the targeted family tax cuts he campaigned on. Those — along with the costs of the Liberal Syrian refugee resettlement plan — are to be put to votes over the short parliamentary sitting.

But in practical terms, that could have waited until after the new year with little harm done to the 2016 tax planning of Canadians or to the capacity of the government to spend on resettling refugees.

Similarly, the parliamentary committees Trudeau plans to put in place to deal with time-sensitive files such as medically assisted suicide or the Trans-Pacific trade deal will be hard-pressed to accomplish much between now and the first weeks of January.

In opposition, Trudeau revelled in his life on the road — outside the Parliament Hill fishbowl. His sense that the fortunes of his government will not necessarily play out on the stage of the Commons may account for his willingness to treat this first sitting more as an audition than a definitive production.

Before this fall, no federal party had ever jumped from third to first place. It is possible that few anticipated the magnitude of the staffing challenge that stood to result from that feat.

The Liberal support crew that crossed the aisle from opposition to government along with Trudeau was the smallest ever. From 36 offices in opposition, the party in government now has to fill positions in 184, including 31 ministerial suites plus the Prime Minister’s Office.

The civil service was always going to play a larger role in the affairs of a Liberal government than it did under Stephen Harper. In these early days, it is doing so as much by default as by design.

The other collateral consequence of Trudeau’s decision to hit the ground running has been to consolidate the already uncommonly strong links between his administration and Kathleen Wynne’s Ontario government.

Much of the intellectual and strategic impetus behind his victory hailed from Queen’s Park’s Liberal backrooms and it is the place the new government has turned to for seasoned staff.

Ontario is lining up to be the major presence in Trudeau’s corridors of power what Quebec was in the days of his father, Brian Mulroney and Jean Chrétien.

Past federal governments had an adversarial relationship with their Ontario counterparts. But for a rare time, the Liberals are in power at tandem at Queen’s Park and on Parliament Hill. For better or for worse, the close ties between the two governments could become a defining feature of Trudeau’s mandate.

As Liberals pour into the national capital, the other parties are undergoing a brain drain of sorts.

NDP campaign chief Anne McGrath has migrated to Edmonton and Alberta’s New Democrat government. Thomas Mulcair’s chief-of-staff, Alain Gaul, has gone back to Montreal.

The Bloc Québécois has lost the party’s second-in-command, Catherine Fournier, to PQ leader Pierre Karl Péladeau and the national assembly.

With no Conservative government in any of the four larger provinces, hundreds of former aides to the previous government make up a wandering army of political orphans.

A hyperactive prime minister may be just what the opposition parties need to get over their post-election doldrums.

Ontario is lining up to be the major presence in Trudeau’s corridors of power.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Turning the frown upside-down

And you thought *your* yearbook photos of years past were embarrassing. In the 1910s, a murderous stare and toothless grimace were the norms. Researchers at the University of California and Brown University have published a digital analysis of 37,000 senior yearbook portraits from 1905 to 2013. They found the corners of our mouths have been steadily turning upwards for a century. Thanks to our increasingly casual culture — and perhaps modern dentistry — smiles have gotten wider, jollier and more revealing of pearly whites, with a noticeable shift around the 1940s. Smiling in snapshots was once considered idiotic and embarrassing. Richard Beard, the owner of Britain’s first portrait-photography studio, instructed his 19th-century subjects to set their mouths in a stern line by saying not “cheese” but “prunes.” SOURCE: THE WASHINGTON POST

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The Pirelli calendar isn’t a feminist victory. It’s all about Annie Leibovitz.

It’s ridiculous to call the calendar a calendar — or even the product of Pirelli, the high-end tire company that pays for it.

It’s all about Annie Leibovitz.

In the past, the company has let photographers do as they please while shooting the annual calendar/marketing ploy/exclusive photography collection that is reportedly only gifted to 20,000 VIPs.

Mostly, photographers shot sexy, naked or half-naked models. Even Leibovitz opted for clothes-free women in 2000, when she first shot the calendar, though her work then was on the artsy end of the nude-pictorial continuum.

This time she’s produced 12 moving portraits of mostly clothed women, chosen not for their erotic power but for their economic or cultural might.

“This calendar is so completely different,” Leibovitz says in a promotional video.

But the difference is not so much a sign of the times as a sign of Leibovitz’s politics.

“Believe me, I do not think naked girls are going out of fashion,” says writer and subject Fran Lebowitz, before jumping on the bandwagon: “But it’s interesting that people are interested in different ways of looking at women.”

Are they? Or are they interested in being associated with Leibovitz, one of the world’s most respected and highly paid photographers? She personally invited the calendar’s models — a comic star, a Hollywood producer, a tennis sensation, a modern-art matriarch. Many of them told the media that it was the chance to work with Leibovitz that persuaded them to pose.

Other women, and similar portraits, could have been shot a decade ago. There’s nothing about this moment that’s inhospitable to sexualized nudity, except, perhaps, the fear of being cliché. It’s more a question of taste, in other words, than of politics.

If anything, you might hail this as a moment not for women, but powerful women, a depiction of female accomplishment at rarefied levels. That Leibovitz might want to celebrate that subculture shouldn’t surprise — she belongs to it.

“To pay tribute to women at all ages who have accomplished something, it’s quite a statement,” says the Iranian artist and subject Shirin Neshat in the video.

Not quite. Yes, we should absolutely acknowledge women’s accomplishments. We should absolutely celebrate beauty, clothed. But neither should be construed as synonymous with women’s status in general.

The new Pirelli calendar is either Annie Leibovitz’s ode to women of power, or their ode to Leibovitz, or both, destined for the walls of the elite few.

And Pirelli? It just wants to sell tires.

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Moz gets award for bad sex writing
Morrissey wins annual Literary Review Bad Sex award for a scene in his first novel, List of the Lost.

Five quirky books to gift

Twisted cat poetry only Charles Bukowski could have come up with and life lessons from Little Miss are among the holiday season's more unusual books. Here are five suggestions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

1 On Cats by Charles Bukowski, edited by Abel Debritto
This anthology of the late writer's poems and short prose honours the animals that touched his soul. From Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollins, $25.99.

2 Hillary Rodham Clinton Presidential Playset, illustrated by Caitlin Kuhwald
Choose a facial expression and pantsuit from among the presidential candidate's greatest hits. From Quirk Books, $14.95.

3 Little Miss and Mr. Me Me Me parody series by Dan Zevin, illustrated by Dylan Klymenko
The iconic little children's books by Roger Hargreaves featuring the goofy Little Miss and Mr. Men characters have been teaching good behaviour for 45 years. Now there's this twisted parody series. From Three Rivers Press, $6.99 each.

4 Findings: An Illustrated Collection by Rafil Kroll-Zaidi, illustrated by Graham Roumieu
From Harper's, this little volume is full of gems from the back-page column of the same name. Rude sales staff boost the desirability of luxury goods, for instance. Also, this: Service sizes in images of the Last Supper were found to have grown by two-thirds over the past millennium. From 12 Books, $20.

5 The U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Marriage Equality: As delivered by Justice Anthony Kennedy
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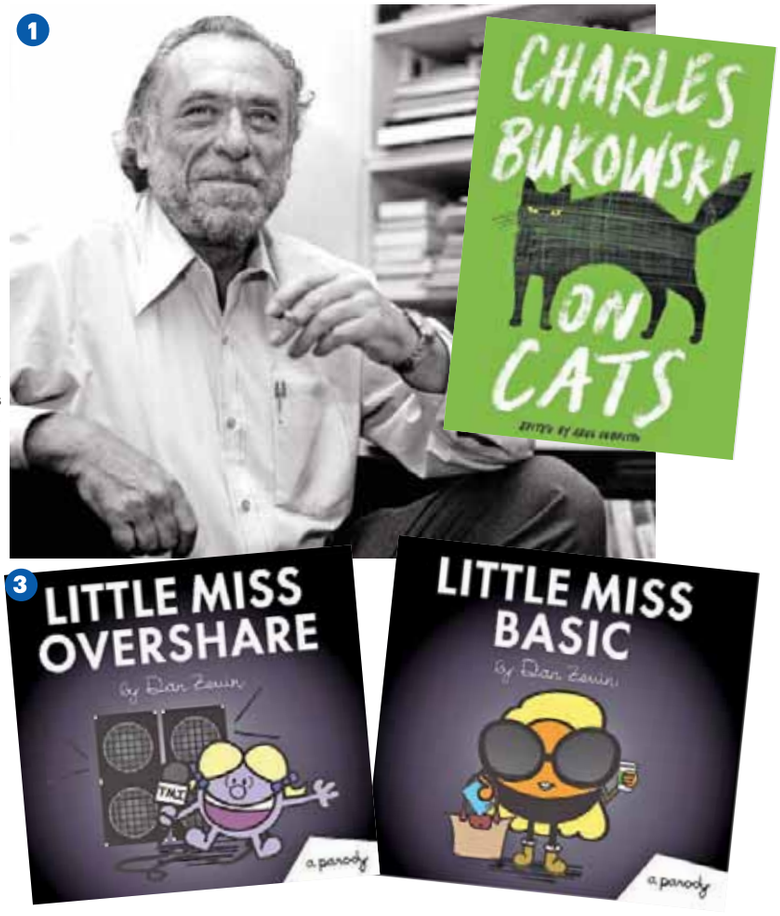

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Meatballs never tasted so Swede

ScandiKitchen by Brontë Aurell showcases 75 Nordic recipes for everyday eating and special occasions. Its collection of dishes from Norway, Denmark and Sweden is based on a shared heritage of food that is natural, delicious, simple to prepare and beautiful to to look at. Filled with recipes ranging from morning buns and open-face sandwiches to healthy salads and hearty dinners, plus baked treats and desserts, ScandiKitchen features charmingly uncomplicated and flavourful Nordic fare like this excerpted recipe for Real Swedish Meatballs.

EXCERPTED FROM THE SCANDI KITCHEN BY BRONTË AURELL, PHOTOGRAPHY BY PETER CASSIDY, PUBLISHED BY RYLAND, PETERS & SMALL, $30.95 CAD.

Real Swedish Meatballs
There are as many recipes for meatballs in Scandinavia as there are cooks.

Recipes vary regionally, too, both in ingredients and sizing.

Sadly, nowadays a lot of people buy meatballs instead of making them.

The homemade version is so very wholesome and worth the effort. Serve with creamy mashed potato.

Ingredients:
- 1/3 cup old-fashioned oats or breadcrumbs
- 2/3 cup meat stock (chicken works well, too)
- 14 oz. ground beef
- 9 oz. ground pork (minimum 10% fat)
- 1 US large egg
- 21/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- a dash of Worcestershire sauce or soy sauce
- 1 small onion, grated
- butter and oil, for frying
- mashed potato, to serve

Stirred Lingonberries
- 9 oz. frozen lingonberries (available in some speciality food stores and online)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Cream Gravy
- meat stock
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- a good glug of single cream
- salt and ground black pepper

Serves 6

Directions:

1. If using oats, soak them in the meat or chicken stock for 5 minutes.

2. Mix the ground meat with a good pinch of salt for a couple of minutes in a food processor to ensure it's blended thoroughly.

3. Add the eggs, flour, spices and Worcestershire or soy sauce to another bowl and mix with the soaked oats or breadcrumbs and grated onion, then add this to the meat mixture. You'll have a sticky, but moldable, mixture. Leave the mixture to rest for 20-25 minutes before using.

4. Heat up a skillet with a small pat or butter or oil and shape one small meatball. Fry it until done and then taste it. Adjust the seasoning according to taste and fry another meatball to test it until you get it just right.

5. Shape the individual meatballs in your hands — it helps if your hands are damp. Each meatball should be around 1 in. in diameter, or larger if you haven't got time.

6. Melt a pat of butter in a skillet with a dash of oil and carefully add a few meatballs — make sure there is plenty of room for you to swivel the pan round and help turn them so they get a uniform round shape and do not stick. You'll most likely need to do this in several batches. Cooking time is usually around 5 minutes per batch. Keep in a warm oven until needed.

7. When your meatballs are done, keep the pan on a medium heat. Ensure you have enough fat in there, if not, add a pat of butter to the pan. Add a tablespoon of flour and whisk, then add a splash of stock and whisk again as you bring to the boil. Keep adding stock until you have a good creamy gravy, then add a good dollop of light cream and season well with salt and pepper. The colour of the gravy should be very light brown.

8. To prepare the Stirred Lingonberries (rårörda lingon) simply add the granulated sugar and stir. Leave for a while and then stir again, until the sugar dissolves and the berries have defrosted. Store leftover Stirred Lingonberries in the fridge.

9. Serve with mashed potatoes.

SUSAN MUSGRAVE

Writer's cookbook a testament to the island of Haida Gwaii

Canadian writer Susan Musgrave has published nearly 30 books, from poetry to children's fiction. The fact her latest is a cookbook is not as big a leap as it seems.

The award-winning author, who has been shortlisted for the Governor General's Award four times, runs the Copper Beech House bed and breakfast on the remote West Coast island Haida Gwaii. It is the place she's called home for decades. It is not only where she writes, but where she forages and cooks, doing everything from shucking scallops and picking huckleberries, to serve to her guests and neighbours.

Her first cookbook, A Taste of Haida Gwaii: Food Gathering and Feasting at the Edge of the World, (Whitecap, $34.95) is a mix of stories, recipes and food gathering tips.

Absent from much of the book is her husband, Stephen Reid, a convicted bank robber, recently out of prison on statutory release. After nearly 30 years of marriage, the couple is still going strong.

"Prison was the easy part," Musgrave jokes.

Musgrave and Reid are both accomplished in the kitchen in their own way. Reid used to use truffle oil on his guns, and he always won the "chili-offs" in prison. "He has the T-shirts to prove it," Musgrave says.

This project is about Musgrave's neighbours.

"I wanted to write about the people that live on Haida Gwaii and food. It's a testament to the people who live in the area that I live and the wealth of food that's there," says Musgrave. "We don't have access to the shops you have in Toronto. You can't go out and buy whatever you want, so we have to make it or invent it."

That's because Haida Gwaii is at "the edge of the world." A group of islands filled with lush moss-covered forests and lined with beaches, Haida Gwaii is a natural grocer. You can get ketchup and mayo in the stores there, but that's about it, she jokes. The area is primed for berry picking: see Musgrave's cloudberry jam or salmonberry jelly recipes. She offers guests at the Copper Beech House bed and breakfast tips for mushrooming, too: see her venison stew with a Chanterelle garnish. There's also tips for ocean finds, such as how to best dry Porphyra, a type of coldwater seaweed.

Some of it even translates to urban areas. "If you have an unmowed lawn, a vacant lot or even just a sidewalk with weeds growing between the cracks, then you have something to start with," she writes.

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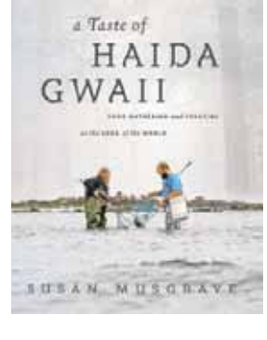


4 HOLIDAY BOOKS MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

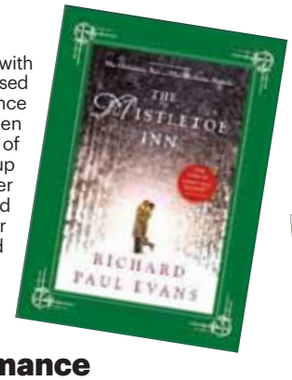
Quality family time is part of what makes the holiday season so special, but sometimes you just need to escape for a bit and get some quality alone time. Sneak away and curl up with one of these new holiday-themed books. You'll re-emerge ready to let the festivities carry on. All quick reads, they're also perfect to get lost in while you're travelling **EMILY LAURENCE/METRO IN NEW YORK**

Heart warmer 1

Three different storylines are woven together in this heart-warming story, which was just released in paperback. Set in Philadelphia, it takes place over one extraordinary night. Sarina is a teacher who just moved home, after getting divorced. She's on her way to a dinner party, nervous about seeing her high school crush. Madeline is a nine-year-old aspiring jazz musician with high hopes for Christmas Eve. Lorca owns a local jazz club, but is struggling to pay the rent. He'll need a Christmas miracle to keep it open. You'll enjoy seeing how everything plays out and it will remind you of life's small, everyday miracles.

Love story 2

The author of The Christmas Box is back with another enjoyable love story. Kimberly used to dream of becoming a famous romance novelist, but she's had her heart broken so many times that she's on the verge of giving up on love, let alone mustering up the energy to write about it. To get her inspiration back, she decides to spend Christmas at a writing retreat where her heart is opened in ways she never could have imagined.



3 Steamy romance

If you're looking for something extra steamy to keep you warm, reach for this enticing new romance novel and sequel to 2003's Naughty or Nice. It's about three adult sisters, all dealing with their own complicated romantic conundrums. Though their family is tight-knit, each hides her own dark secret, and as secrets often do, these ones won't stay hidden for long.

4 Cat rescues man

If you loved James Bowen's New York Times bestseller A Street Cat Named Bob, you'll love this inspiring story just as much. This book is about a time during the holidays when Bowen was a struggling street musician. The streets were cold and Bowen didn't have anywhere to go or much to eat. When an abandoned cat, Bob, came into his life, it motivated him to keep living and not give up. The holidays can be a rough time, but hope comes in unexpected ways.

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TRUE CRIME

Mob boss story coming to TV

Independent Canadian production company New Metric Media has optioned the rights to a bestselling book about the final years of Montreal mobster Vito Rizzuto's life.

Bad Blood, which is currently in development, will be based on Business or Blood, a book penned by true-crime writers Antonio Nicaso and veteran Toronto Star reporter Peter Edwards.

Turning the book into a miniseries, Edwards said, meant bringing in "people who really, really knew Montreal because in a way Montreal is almost like a character in this."

The book tells the story of Rizzuto's "last war," after he emerges from prison — where he was sent in 2006 for his role in a decades-old murder in Brooklyn — with a choice: Would the 66-year-old Montreal mob boss try to rebuild his empire after his stint behind bars, or seek revenge for the killings of his son, father and other members of his criminal enterprise?

"We wondered what it was like for a control freak who, up until this point, has had a pretty easy life, what's it like for him to be stuck in a prison and someone murders his eldest child and he can't do a thing about it?" Edwards said about his and Nicaso's starting point for the book.

A miniseries about Montreal mob boss Vito Rizzuto, left, is being adapted from a book by Peter Edwards, right. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **The beauty about golf ... it's very hard to bug a golf course**
> Author Peter Edwards says of the many meetings Vito Rizzuto held on golf courses

"How would he feel when he's totally helpless? And then we wondered what's he going to do when he gets out of prison?"

Edwards said Rizzuto was particularly interesting because he defied several mobster stereotypes: he wasn't physically violent, he had connections to top businessmen and politicians, and he held many meetings on golf courses.

Rizzuto died at age 67 of natural causes in 2013. At his funeral in Montreal, one of the flower arrangements was in the shape of a golf bag, a nod to that favourite pastime.

"He played golf 100 times a year, a lot of times in the Dominican Republic," Edwards said. "The beauty about golf is that it's very hard to bug a golf course. . . . So a lot of what he did was there and golf really made sense for him.

"He wasn't a beat-'em-up type of guy, he was a thinking type of guy."

The writers are making sure the miniseries reflects that difference. "It's not looking down to a bunch of typical gangsters, but more looking into boardrooms and law offices," Edwards said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bestselling author Kate Morton writes to please herself

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

In her heart, Kate Morton has always viewed herself as a mystery writer. Together, the Australian author's five books have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide, placing her on the blockbuster podium alongside thriller writers such as Paula Hawkins and Gillian Flynn. But Morton's Gothic, romantic settings and historical time periods have made her books tough to classify — not that it matters to her multitude of fans.

"I don't think I'm officially part of the mystery-writing community in terms of how publishers see me or how booksellers position me," Morton says.

"My books contain history, but aren't really historical fiction. They contain mystery but they contain characters' stories, too. And they don't necessarily have that fast pace. But all my books start — along with character and setting — with a mystery."

That attitude might change with her latest novel. The Lake House contains all the signature elements of a Morton story: a crumbling British manor, duel timelines linking past and present, and a female protagonist burdened with family secrets. But the story twists and weaves up until the very last pages, as it connects Sadie Sparrow, a detective who becomes obsessed with a case involving an abandoned child and her missing mother, with Alice Edevane, an elderly crime novelist who is harbouring information surrounding the unsolved disappearance of her infant brother, decades earlier.

"I wanted to make a much more explicit attempt at writing a mystery story," says Morton. "I wanted to have fun with this and make one of my characters one of those real grande dames of the mystery-writing world."

Morton's love of mystery started as a kid. Weaned on Enid Blyton's classic Famous Five series, she later become fascinated with the literary Gothic, studying tragedy in Victorian literature as her Master's thesis at University of Queensland. She was drawn to books by the Brontë Sisters in which "secrets and mysteries from the past can't be repressed and they come back to haunt those characters in the present."

Even The Lake House's setting is a nod to classic BritLit: the isolated region of Cornwall and its dramatic moors and cliffs served as the background for some of Daphne du Maurier's most famous stories. Morton says, "I wanted somewhere where it seemed possible that an abandoned house could be consumed by nature."

Australian author Kate Morton's five books have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. DAVIN PATTERSON

Before the publication of Morton's first published novel in 2006, The House at Riverton — about a servant who keeps a society family's secret hidden for decades — she had shopped around two manuscripts with no luck. As a new mom, she had made peace with the fact that writing might just be a hobby. "That's why that book doesn't subscribe to any genre in particular. It was really written to my own taste," Morton says.

"In retrospect, it's not surprising that's the one people responded to because it's really heartfelt and genuine."

Regardless of where her novels are slotted or what genre is considered in vogue, Morton says she'll continue to write what interests and pleases her the most.

"I try to create a world that I can disappear inside," she says, "and I have to trust that means that readers will want to disappear into that world as well."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

FESTIVAL

Art Basel is heating up Miami Beach

Two-time Oscar-winning actress Hilary Swank may be a veteran at her chosen craft, but she admits she's still a newbie art collector.

Swank attended a kick-off party Tuesday night for Art Basel Miami Beach, the prestigious extension of the annual contemporary art fair in Basel, Switzerland. The actress said she loves collecting everything from photographs to sculptures and doesn't gravitate to a particular medium or period, but instead chooses the pieces that speak to her.

"I think that art either makes you learn something new about yourself or makes you relate to something in yourself or is simply entertaining and that's the beauty of it," said Swank, who wore a short black, lace dress. "I love how it makes the world bigger and how it expands my whole idea of life."

Swank, who is returning from the longest break of her career after caring for her father for the past 18 months following a lung transplant, was one of about three dozen people at an intimate dinner party at the Delano hotel. The event was hosted by former Ocean Drive publisher Jason Binn for his current magazine DuJour.

Sylvester Stallone, an avid painter, fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger and Ivana Trump also attended the dinner before hitting up an elegant poolside bash. Hilary hugged Binn and gave a short, emotional speech at the dinner, crediting him with giving her one of her first magazine covers before she was famous.

The chic magazine has a knack for spotting up-and-comers. Binn also gave Kim Kardashian her first cover.

Famed photographer Bruce Weber and Oscar-winner Adrien Brody both made late appearances at the party, which was rather tame compared to most Art Basel bashes.

Miley Cyrus infamously performed last year at a nearby hotel wearing only nipple pasties and smoked pot onstage.

Art Basel officially opens today, but many independent fairs and events will open days earlier, and the glitterati are already in town ready to toast them.

Brody is showing a collection of paintings this year, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Handguns, focusing on violence in society and the desire for instant gratification.

It's "a meditation on the fact that violent imagery is as commonplace as fast-food in our society," said the actor, who grew up in a creative home. His mother is a photographer, and his father is a painter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A sculpture titled Beautiful Day by artist Paola Pivi is displayed at the Galerie Perrotin at Art Basel Miami Beach. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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POLICE DRAMA

New Criminal Minds spinoff announced

CBS has announced that it will premiere Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders on March 2 next year. This new series will be bolstered by the fact that it will be screened in the time slot immediately after the original Criminal Minds.

Having created successful franchises from CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (now cancelled) and NCIS, CBS has moved on to Criminal Minds, a series that is currently in its 11th season in the U.S. To lead this new spin-off, the most watched network in the country set its sights on the former boss of CSI: New York, Gary Sinise.

The actor came to prominence in the 1990s with his role in Forrest Gump. His character in this new series, Jack Garrett, will lead a team of profilers for the FBI. His division will consist of agents enlisted to help American citizens in trouble abroad. The former Lieutenant Dan Taylor will work with a team that includes Tyler James Williams (Everybody Hates Chris), Daniel Henney (Hawaii 5-0), Alana De la Garza (CSI: Miami) and Annie Funke (The Intern).

Actor Gary Sinise. HANDOUT

Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders is not the first spin-off from the Criminal Minds series. CBS tried a similar project in 2011, encouraged by the success of the many spin-offs of NCIS and CSI. But Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior did not encounter the success that was hoped for, despite featuring Forest Whitaker.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The right kind of crazy

CRAZY EX GIRLFRIEND, SEASON 2, EPISODE 3 (GLOBAL), THE SCISSORS SONG

Crazy Ex Girlfriend is a musical rom-com that laughs at itself. HANDOUT

Rebecca (Rachel Bloom), a love-starved lawyer who's relocated to sterile West Covina, CA — the home of her ex-boyfriend — confesses to her new pal Paula (Donna Lynne Champlin) that she's afraid to throw a party. The lights dim. Paula begins singing what sounds like a typical empowerment ballad: "Face your fears/Stare them down/ Don't be scared/Stand your ground." A few bars in, however, the lyrics take a turn: "If you're in a burning building/And smoke is everywhere/Keep calm, take a deep breath/And stay right there!" Rebecca protests ("Really?"), but Paula, with enough self-seriousness to make Celine Dion blush, takes no notice. As a chorus of children runs in with scissors, she keeps belting: "You can fly, fly out of a window, fly out of a building, just believe in yourself!"

Injecting new life into old genres is tough in our post-reality-show era. Several series are trying to do it with irony — ironic telenovela (Jane the Virgin), ironic slasher-horror (Scream Queens, starring slasher legend Jamie Lee Curtis). I admit, my heart sank at the prospect of this, an ironic romantic-comedy-musical. But its creators, Bloom and Aline Brosh McKenna (screenwriter of The Devil Wears Prada), won me over. Their writing has wit; they've hired actors with Broadway chops; and they've hate-lovingly studied pop culture tropes (check out the "Sexy Getting Ready Song" in episode one). So Crazy Ex Girlfriend succeeds as both you-go-girl story and the ultimate send-up of you-go-girl stories. It lets us mock our cupcakes and eat them, too.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Murray gets merry in Netflix special

HOLIDAY VIEWING

Writer Mitch Glazer hopes show becomes an annual gig

Bill Murray doesn't do schmaltz.

But the Scrooged star does love the holidays, says screenwriter Mitch Glazer, who teamed up with his longtime pal for the Netflix-produced A Very Murray Christmas.

Consider the star-studded special a heartfelt ode to the season, delivered with the charismatic swagger of Murray's Saturday Night Live alter-ego Nick the Lounge Singer — without the cheese.

"He's just never going to let something be false sentimental," Glazer says in a recent phone call from Los Angeles.

"He has huge heart and he comes from a family of nine and he's got six sons of his own, so Christmas is real to him in a non-commercial, non-sentimental way."

Glazer says A Very Murray Christmas is the result of years of spitballing ideas for some kind of TV musical special.

It came together when he and Murray settled on a Christmas theme and their director pal Sofia Coppola suggested a piano bar scene at New York's sumptuous Carlyle hotel.

Glazer was tasked with crafting the story: Murray is helming a live TV variety show but a massive snowstorm prevents any of the guests from arriving.

The trio came up with a festive musical set list and mused on their dream cast. Murray pulled out his phone and started calling in the cameos.

"The first two people that Bill called on his cellphone were George Clooney and Chris Rock and literally just before he gets a sentence deep into it ... both of them were like, 'We're in. We're coming.' They just wanted to be a part of it," says Glazer.

Other friends soon joined the party, including Murray's SNL pal Paul Shaffer, his Scrooged co-star (and New York Dolls frontman) David Johansen, Coppola's cousin Jason Schwartzman, Arrested Development co-star Michael Cera, former SNL comic Maya Rudolph, Parks and Recreation alums Amy Poehler and Rashida Jones, and Coppola's husband Thomas Mars and his band Phoenix.

Bill Murray as himself, in a scene from Netflix's original holiday special A Very Murray Christmas, directed by Sofia Coppola. ALI GOLDSTEIN/NETFLIX VIA AP

Almost all put their vocal chops on display, including Clooney, who provides rousing backup on Albert King's funk classic Santa Claus Wants Some Lovin'.

"Not only is he singing but he's doing a style of rhythm-and-blues singing that was popular and big in the '70s as sung by Earth Wind & Fire," Shaffer notes of the Gravity star, who appeared with Murray in The Monuments Men.

"I remember being in the house band of Saturday Night Live and trying to sing like that and there he is doing it. I don't know where he pulled that out of, though. But he came up with that that day."

Clooney, of course, showed up in a tux "and looked beautiful," recalls Glazer.

"I don't think he considers himself a great vocalist but he's got a lot of style," he chuckles.

There were other surprises, some of them oddly similar to the made-up premise of the fake holiday special.

Just as shooting took place the first week in March, two blizzards hit New York, dumping "snow halfway up the building" and helping to establish the mood on set, says Glazer.

The screenwriter says he would love to do it all again next year, and maybe again the year after that.

"Personally, Bill and I have talked about it and Sofia, we had such a good time doing it," he says. "Andy Williams and Dean Martin did them every year. It was good fun. I would love to do another."

A Very Murray Christmas debuts Friday on Netflix.

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Iggy responds to Badu diss

Iggy Azalea is no stranger to social media fiascos, which may be why her Twitter followers haven't heard from the rapper since Nov. 1. But being a trending topic can have an effect, as Azalea made an online comeback this week to respond to Erykah Badu's mocking of her at the Soul Train Awards that went viral.

"We are days from 2016, but I came online today and saw it's still cool to try and discredit my 2014 accomplishments," Azalea tweeted. "F— ing hell. Seems exhausting. Anyway, I've been enjoying the holiday season and I hope you all have, too." NED EHRBAR/ METRO

Court to decide if Gollum a bad guy

A Turkish court overseeing the case of a doctor accused of insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has ruled that a committee of experts should assess whether the fictional Lord of the Rings character Gollum is good or bad.

Bilgin Ciftci faces up to two years in prison for allegedly insulting a state official by

juxtaposing pictures (above) of Gollum and Erdogan on social media.

Lawyer Hicran Danisman told the AP Wednesday that she was forced to argue in court this week that "Gollum is not a bad character" because she got "nowhere" with a defence case based on freedom of expression. Danisman said that prompted the judge to rule that a committee, including psychologists and movie experts, should provide an assessment of Gollum's character. Trial was adjourned until Feb. 23. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADOPTION

Bullock shows off new baby in People exclusive

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

So remember in late October when a reporter congratulated Sandra Bullock on adopting a little girl and Bullock insisted the story was totally untrue? Yeah, not so much.

"If I had a second adopted child, everyone would be hearing about it," she said. And well, everyone's hearing about it now. It turns out she was just waiting for the exclusive deal she'd given People magazine to announce the news.

"When I look at Laila, there's no doubt in my mind that she was supposed to be here," Bullock says of her new daughter, whom she's now willing to admit she's adopted. "I can tell you absolutely, the exact right children came to me at the exact right time." Laila joins her first adopted child, Louis, who is apparently already all about the whole being a big brother thing.

"Louis spearheaded this whole journey," she says. And that's a lot of responsibility for a five-year-old. While I'm thrilled for Bullock and her family, I do wonder how long it will take for me to be able to trust her again.

Zuckerberg's $45 billion philanthropic bid stuns

CHARITY

Facebook CEO commits 99 per cent of stockholdings

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is shaking up yet another sector — the charity world — with his surprise announcement that he and his wife will devote the bulk of their wealth, or about $45 billion, to philanthropic works.

The move will eventually put him and his wife, Priscilla Chan, in the same philanthropic echelon as Bill and Melinda Gates. It also involves a new type of philanthropic structure that differs from traditional foundations, although details remain scarce.

Zuckerberg made his pledge on Facebook in celebration of his daughter Max's birth.

The Zuckerbergs said Tuesday they will, over time, commit 99 per cent of their Facebook stockholdings to such causes as fighting disease, improving education and "building strong communities." The couple had previously pledged to give away at least half their assets during their lifetime, but hadn't provided specifics.

The announcement stunned the charity world. The new organization, called the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, will pursue its initiatives through a combination of charitable donations, private investment and promotion of government-policy reform.

By comparison, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has an endowment of just over $41 billion, which includes wealth donated by the Microsoft founder and his friend, the businessman Warren Buffett.

The new initiative will be organized as a limited liability company, however, rather than as a non-profit foundation. "They want the most flexibility and they are going to use a wide variety of activities to achieve their mission," Rachael Horwitz, a Facebook spokeswoman, said via email. "So in that way this is not a foundation nor is it entirely charitable."

Zuckerberg and Chan with daughter Max. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The notion of investing money in companies that tackle social issues isn't new, but it has gained more currency among a younger generation of philanthropists, particularly in the tech world.

In the letter to their daughter, Zuckerberg and Chan described their goals as "advancing human potential and promoting equality." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cities on the rise

The Claridge Icon condominiums will be one of the tallest residential buildings in Ottawa at 485 feet high. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

CONDO TRENDS

Tall condos are transforming skylines across the country

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

Skyscraper condominiums are the norm in major urban centres across the globe. Many Canadian cities are experiencing an urban renaissance with high-density, highrise communities in the central downtown cores. This week, Metro takes a look at Canada's tallest condos.

A bold Icon

In the nation's capital, things are moving skyward. The Claridge Icon condominiums will reach 485 feet high with 45 storeys and 320 suites, making it one of the tallest residential buildings in the city. Icon is located at the intersection of Carling and Preston, near Centretown.

The bold, geometric edifice is designed by renowned Canadian architects Hariri Pontarini. At street level, the light-filled podium displays a subtle offset design, with cantilevered sections giving the illusion of shifting and expanding.

'Urban renewal'

In the west, Winnipeg is also on the way up. SkyCity Centre will be a mixed-use tower in the heart of downtown Winnipeg.

Rising 45 storeys high, it is projected to be the tallest tower between Toronto and Calgary, with 388 residential units, 60,000 sq. ft. of office space and 20,000 sq. ft. of retail.

In September, Fortress Real Developments opened the doors to a million-dollar presentation centre for the SkyCity condominium suites. "Winnipeg's downtown is a heritage gold mine, but the addition of modern residential apartments of all sizes is needed to fill in the gaps," according to Ben Myers, senior vice-president of market research at Fortress.

"I would say Winnipeg is in the second inning of their urban renewal, and success at SkyCity will really be a catalyst for getting people excited about living downtown again," says Myers.

ACROSS CANADA

Halifax
Fenwick Tower by Templeton Properties is a residential apartment building in the heart of south-end Halifax, between Fenwick and South streets.

It's the city's tallest building at 33 stories and 275 units, and the tallest residential building east of Montreal.

Fenwick Tower in Halifax.

Toronto
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"While Aura at College Park is Canada's tallest condominium, it was also regarded as one of the country's fastest-selling condominium launches," says Riz Dhanji, Canderel's VP of sales and marketing.

Calgary
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Edmonton
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Park Point sits in an oasis of green space

Project overview

Construction has started and sales are on for Park Point, a highly anticipated inner-city condo project. Overlooking Calgary's historic Central Memorial Park, this $110-million development features 289 mixed-use residential homes in one of the most scenic spots in downtown Calgary.

In the neighbourhood

Surrounded by colourful gardens, outdoor fountains and the beautiful sandstone Memorial Park Library, Park Point residents have no shortage of green space to enjoy. Located right off 12 Avenue, Park Point is also within walking distance of a number of acclaimed restaurants, coffee shops and retail stores.

ANNA BROOKS/FOR METRO

Building amenities

The luxurious Park Point building will bring paradise home with its lush Zen terrace, outdoor lounge and fire pit, as well as a yoga sundeck looking out onto Memorial Park. Park Point residents also have access to a fully equipped fitness centre, and can enjoy the building's sauna and steam room during Calgary's winter months.

Location and transit

Located in the heart of the city's beltline, Park Point is within walking distance from all the hot spots downtown has to offer. For commuters, a Car2Go is always close at hand and transit-goers are only a few blocks away from the CTrain station and a number of different bus routes.

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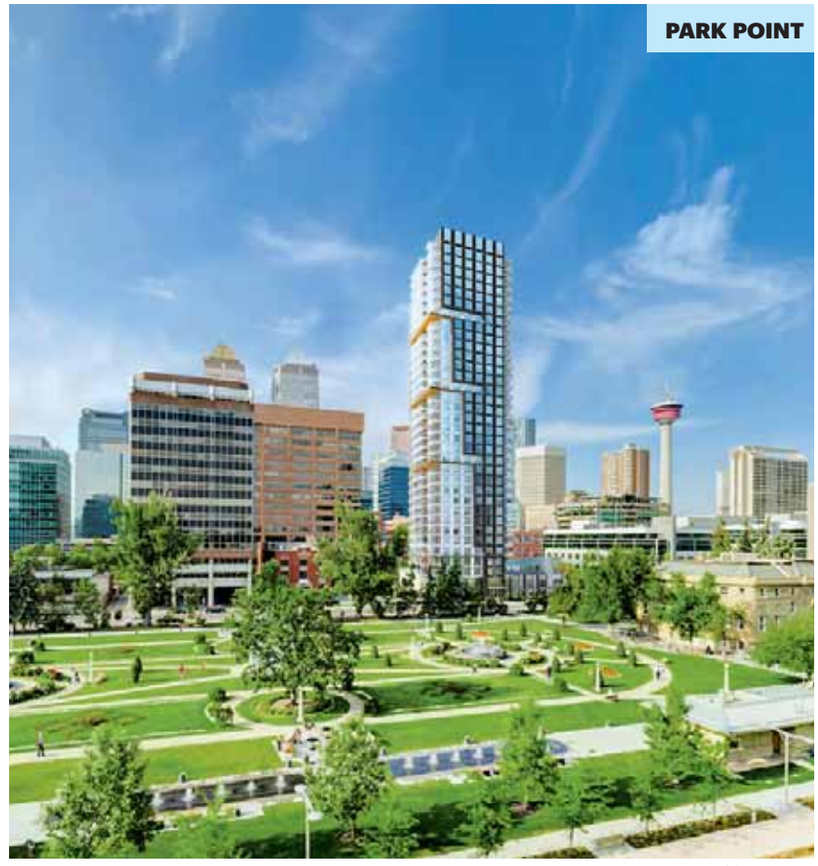

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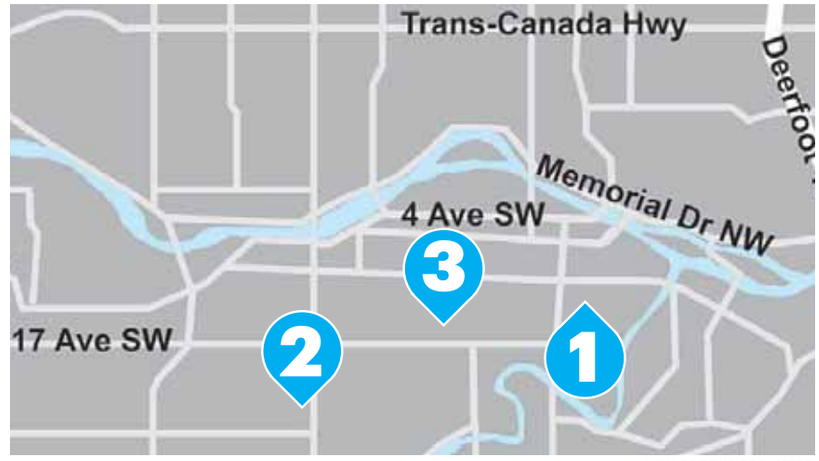

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New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis is still in the NFL's concussion protocol, leaving his status uncertain for Sunday against the Giants

Cornish ends a fine career

CFL

Stamps legend racked up 2 Grey Cup wins, 3 rushing titles

Calgary Stampeders' Jon Cornish announces his retirement from CFL play at a press conference in Calgary, Alta. on Wednesday. The running back had an illustrious career. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jon Cornish would like fans to remember him as an unselfish player.

After nine CFL seasons, three rushing titles and two Grey Cup rings, Cornish announced his retirement on Wednesday.

"Nine years for No. 9, I think that's fitting, but all good things come to an end," said Cornish. "I've been defined so many different ways as a running back, but I think the No. 1 way I would want to be remembered is as a guy that cared about the fans that he was playing for. I want to be a person that was understood to not be playing for me. I was playing for everybody else, for our team."

The 31-year-old from New Westminster, B.C., played just nine games for the Stampeders in an injury-plagued 2015 season during which he suffered a broken thumb in late July before complaining of neck stiffness after a 15-11 loss at home to the Edmonton Eskimos on Oct. 10.

"After every concussion, I never really had serious cognitive issues," said Cornish. "My issues were with the neck. Your neck gets jarred that much, probably something happened to your head as well."

Cornish also missed nine games in the 2014 season due to concussion symptoms. Despite that fact he still led the league in rushing with 1,082 yards and helped Calgary win the 2014 Grey Cup 20-16 over Hamilton, though the Tiger-Cats held him to 25 yards on nine carries.

"Going forward, I want to be an advocate for brain health," said Cornish, who made the decision after last season that he was going to retire if he suffered another concussion. "I hope to help people learn that your brain is your most important muscle and it's really your most important asset."

> **He's definitely the greatest player that I've played with and one of the greatest players that I've seen.**
> Stampeders fullback Rob Cote

Although Calgary quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell said that it's hard to see his teammate go, he understands and supports Cornish's decision.

"I'm excited that Jon's making the right decision for himself and his health and his family," said Mitchell. "He was somebody that was very, very fun to not only watch play the game, but to turn around and hand the ball to. He knew how to use his body and his abilities to the best of his ability and he did an amazing job of it. It'll be tough to not have him out there on the field with us anymore."

Cornish was the CFL's leading rusher and top Canadian from 2012 to 2014. He broke Normie Kwong's 56-year-old single-season rushing record for a Canadian with 1,457 yards in 2012.

Cornish then broke his own record the following year with 1,813 rushing yards and was named the CFL's most outstanding player. That season he became the first CFL player to win the Lou Marsh Trophy, awarded by The Toronto Star to Canada's top athlete, since Russ Jackson in 1969. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LIONS

Coach Tedford resigns

The last time Wally Buono served as both head coach and general manager of the B.C. Lions, he guided the team to a Grey Cup victory.

He'll return to the dual role next season as he tries to get the CFL club back to the championship game for the first time since that 2011 title. Buono, who has spent 13 years as GM of the Lions, will be back on the sidelines in 2016 as a replacement for Jeff Tedford, who resigned Wednesday after one season as head coach.

Jeff Tedford THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I'd be lying to you if I said I wasn't a little scared," Buono said. "But I'd also be lying to you if I said I wasn't a little excited."

The Lions settled for a third-place finish in the West Division last season with a 7-11 record. B.C. was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs after a 35-9 loss to the Calgary Stampeders.

"After much consideration, I have elected to exercise an option in my contract and will resign as head coach of the B.C. Lions in order to pursue other opportunities in college football," Tedford said in a statement.

NHL

Flames on the rise but left with plenty of work before new year

THE HOCKEY NEWS
Brian Costello
FOR METRO

Were you one of the thousands of Flames followers who turned the TV off after the second period Tuesday with Calgary trailing 3-0 against the league-leading Dallas Stars? Truth be told, I was. It was almost 11 p.m. out east and it wasn't looking pretty.

But I did watch the rest of the game over breakfast the next morning (without knowing the Flames won 4-3) and I almost choked on the Honeycombs. What drama! What a third period, overtime and shootout!

Calgary's remarkable rally against the Stars might go down as the most defining moment of the Flames' season. And we'll probably find out for sure in the next month as the team hits the do-or-die part of their schedule.

With eight home games and four road games remaining on the 2015 calendar, now is the time for the Flames to go on a miraculous run and get themselves back in the hunt for a playoff spot. Calgary is going to have to win more than just six or seven of those 12 games to have any kind of chance in the second half of the season. They'll need to catch magic in a bottle and ring off nine or 10 wins to get back in contention.

It reminds me of Calgary's last game before the Christmas break last season. The Flames had fallen back to earth in December with eight straight losses and critics were predicting their doom. But Johnny Gaudreau scored a hat trick and Calgary rallied in the third period to beat the Kings 4-3 in Los Angeles Dec. 22. That was the start of a four-game win streak and eight of 11.

Or like the season before when the most defining moment was that early game brawl in Vancouver Jan. 18 when Canucks coach John Tortorella had his meltdown. The Flames went on to have the third-best record in the NHL over the next 30 games.

But can this year's Flames make Tuesday's defining moment a truly pivotal time in their season? That's the vexing question. It doesn't take a genius to realize it'll come down to three crucial factors: solid goaltending, tightened defensive play and bearing down offensively like we saw in the third period when Calgary players were driving hard to the net.

The Flames put themselves in a position where virtually every opponent they meet is a rival above them in the standings. That has to change in December.

OFFENSIVE ZONE

Calgary's top line gets a good chunk of faceoffs in favourable position. Johnny Gaudreau, Sean Monahan and Jiri Hudler all rank in the top 40 in the NHL in terms of percentage of faceoffs taken in the offensive zone:

1.	Pavel Datsyuk	51.8%
2.	John Tavares	48.9%
21.	Johnny Gaudreau	42.7%
23.	Jiri Hudler	42.0%
36.	Sean Monahan	41.4%

NHL

Sparks burned by powerful Jets attack

Drew Stafford scored twice and Connor Hellebuyck won the showdown of the rookie goaltenders as the Winnipeg Jets defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-1 on Wednesday.

Hellebuyck made 32 saves in his second NHL game, following up a 3-1 victory he recorded against Minnesota on Nov. 27.

Leafs rookie Garret Sparks was also playing his second pro game and stopped 29 of the 35 shots he faced. He had backstopped Toronto to a 3-0 win over Edmonton on Monday.

WEDNESDAY in Manitoba

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Stafford's linemate, centre Mark Scheifele, had a goal and two assists for Winnipeg (12-12-2), while Jets captain Andrew Ladd, Bryan Little and Anthony Peluso also scored. Mathieu Perrault picked up a pair of assists.

Michael Grabner had his first goal of the season for Toronto (8-12-5) in his 23rd game.

Toronto visits Minnesota for a game Friday, while Winnipeg hosts Washington on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ISLANDERS WIN

Kyle Okposo scored the only goal in the shootout to lift the New York Islanders to a 2-1 victory over the crosstown-rival New York Rangers on Wednesday. John Tavares scored in regulation and Jaroslav Halak had 33 saves.

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Jake Walman cuts the net after the Providence Friars won the NCAA Division I men's championship. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

Walman welcomed despite snub

WORLD JUNIORS

Canada happy to take Blues prospect after failed U.S. bid

Jake Walman grew up playing in the Greater Toronto Hockey League like a lot of Canadian kids. But he's not just a Canadian hockey player.

Because Walman's mother, Mari Anne, is American, the young defenceman is a dual citizen with Canadian and U.S. passports. While he played for Canada East in the World Junior A Challenge two years ago, he chose to attend U.S. world junior camp this past summer and hoped to wear the red, white and blue at the upcoming tournament in Helsinki.

The International Ice Hockey Federation disagreed, deeming Walman ineligible to play for the U.S. because he's Canadian-born and trained. And even though the Toronto native chose the U.S., Hockey Canada is welcoming him with open arms by inviting him to its world junior selection camp.

"We liked him in the summer and we still like him," Hockey Canada vice-president of hockey operations and national teams Scott Salmond said. "We think he's going to have a real good chance to make our team and make us better if he does. To me he's Canadian. At the end of the day that's the bottom line."

> **We liked him in the summer and we still like him now.**
> Scott Salmond, Hockey Canada vice-president of hockey operations and national teams on Walman

Hockey Canada all along believed Walman was Canadian. Now in his second season at Providence College in Rhode Island, he would have had to play two full seasons to qualify as an American.

Walman is quite the catch, too, as the NCAA's leading scorer among defencemen with 10 goals and eight assists in 12 games. He could be part of a blue line that may feature returnee Joe Hicketts and NHL first-round picks Haydn Fleury and Travis Sanheim.

Making it will be a challenge at a competitive camp, which is perhaps why Walman opted to go to the U.S. summer camp in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"Jake had to make a decision based on the information he had and probably what he thought, as a young player, was going to give him the best opportunity to play," Salmond said.

Hockey Canada is giving him that opportunity. Walman is one of 11 defencemen invited to the mid-December camp, along with Hicketts, Fleury, Sanheim, 2014 first-rounder Roland McKeown, 2015-first-rounders Thomas Chabot and Noah Juulsen, potential 2016 top pick Jacob Chychrun, Toronto Maple Leafs second-rounder Travis Dermott, fellow St. Louis Blues prospect Vince Dunn and the only other U.S. college player at camp, Boston University's Brandon Hickey.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Tuna Casserole

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Can #throwbackthursday apply to a recipe? If so, this would be ours. It's a feel-good, not quite straight out of the '50s dinner you're going to love.

Ready in
Prep time: 25 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 500g package of whole wheat penne or macaroni
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cups cremini mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 leek, cleaned well and thinly sliced
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 Tbsp dijon mustard
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 Tbsp dried thyme
- 3 cans good quality tuna, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cups Gruyere, grated

Directions
1. Cook pasta 2 minutes less than package instructions and drain.
2. In a large pan with olive oil, sauté mushroom and leeks until they begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle flour over mushrooms and leeks, stir and cook for 1 minute. Whisk in milk and allow to thicken, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in mustard and season with salt and pepper after tasting. Add the tuna, frozen peas and thyme.
3. Add cooked pasta to the tuna mixture, stir and turn off heat. Pour the mixture into a casserole. Sprinkle cheese over top and pop into the oven and broil for 3 to 5 minutes or until the cheese bubbles and turns brown.

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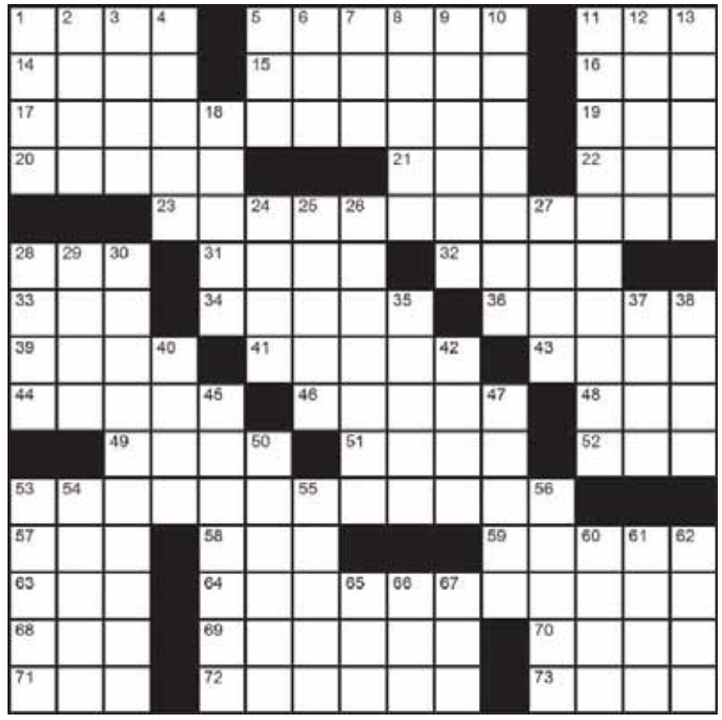
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



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11. __-Fi
14. Early helicopter
15. Housing market
16. Bon __ (High society)
17. Person consulted when there's a problem at checkout: 2 wds.
19. Year: Spanish
20. Computers: __ Pentium Inside
21. Canada's currency, curtly
22. Stop-_-__
23. Months and Meals... Canadian tradition launched in 1974 - the 2016 one is now out: 2 wds.
28. Month divs.
31. Window __
32. Jai __
33. '_ __. Canadian' (Molson beer commercial slogan)
34. Hagar's humorous hound
36. "Wonder Woman" star Ms. Carter
39. Jimmy __ (Shoe designer)
41. Outlandish outfit: 2 wds.
43. Cheese: Canadian __ Cheddar
44. Hillock
46. Places
48. 'Fact' finisher
49. Vancouver Canucks
51. Princess __ _ day (Bride's dream)
52. "Hiss!"
53. "A New Rock and Roll" is a 1974 song by what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
57. Saint John Airport code
58. 'Legend' suffix
59. Doesn't discard
63. Irish actor Stephen
64. 1985 movie for which David Foster co-wrote John Parr's 'Man in Motion' theme song: 3 wds.
68. Nose: French
69. Mulls over info before divulging it: 2 wds.
70. Stallion's speed
71. Wood-shaper's tool, variantly
72. Results
73. Archery woods

DOWN
1. E-J link
2. Hold on property
3. 'E' in QED
4. Web-accessing device
5. __ Vos Prec (T.S. Eliot poetry volume)
6. Writer Mr. Lawrence, et al.
7. "Well, __-di-dah!"
8. Actress Ms. Valli
9. Fashion's Ms. McCartney
10. Royal __ Museum (Dinosaur remains attraction in Alberta)
11. Audience appreciations for outstanding performances, fun-style: 2 wds.
12. Miami Sound Machine tune
13. Koh-_-__ Diamond
18. Paper fasteners
24. k.d.'s last name
25. Pew prayer's supports
26. Endorse
27. Quebec water brand
28. Candle's cord
29. Comic actress Madeline
30. Music style for Alfie Zappacosta: 2 wds.
35. Extra education instructor
37. Agnus __ (Mass prayers)
38. Finds the sum
40. Margarine
42. South American country
45. Celebrity chef Emeril
47. Belonging to Regina's prov.
50. Mr. Short
53. Ms. Loy
54. Plant _ __ and watch it grow
55. Putin's pshaws
56. Brawny
60. Ireland
61. Boat part
62. Hardens
65. Baton Rouge sch.
66. Five Guys Named __ (Stage musical)
67. Clip-__ (Non-pierced earrings)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You feel you should be doing more, you feel you should be pushing yourself harder — and you're right. You have been lazy of late and you need to make up for wasted chances.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Don't take what others say too seriously because among all the good advice there is sure to be something designed to trip you up. Not everyone you work with is on your side.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Everyone wants something from you. Everyone wants you to give. Maybe you need to remind them that you have a life of your own and don't have to be at their beck and call every minute of the day. Be brutal.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
There may be many things you want to change in your life but this isn't the right time. Consolidate what you have got rather than go out and get something more.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be reluctant to admit that you got it wrong and said things that were untrue but if you want to salvage a friendship that is what you must do. Apologize with good grace.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Put petty disputes behind you and give others the benefit of the doubt. Some things are worth getting worked up about but the planets warn that what you are getting emotional over is not worth it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If life seems a bit too tame it could be because you are not setting targets that test your abilities. It's fun to drift along but already you are getting bored with the easy life.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to decide what it is you want most out of life and focus all your energies in that single direction. Forget about what might have been because it is what still can be that matters.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There may be important things you could be doing but you must ignore them all and have a good time. Who is going to stop you? Who is going to complain? If it feels good then do it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something that makes you feel alive. It does not matter if it is unproductive — you don't have to be on the make every minute of every day. No one can accuse you of not working hard, so by all means play hard for a while.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You've got a lot of routine chores to do and you are not looking forward to them, but if you knuckle down and get serious you may be surprised by how quickly you get them done.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you take on too much today both your body and your mind will regret it. Focus only on those things that have to be done — the rest can wait.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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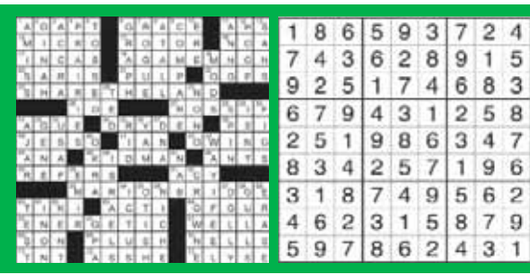

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